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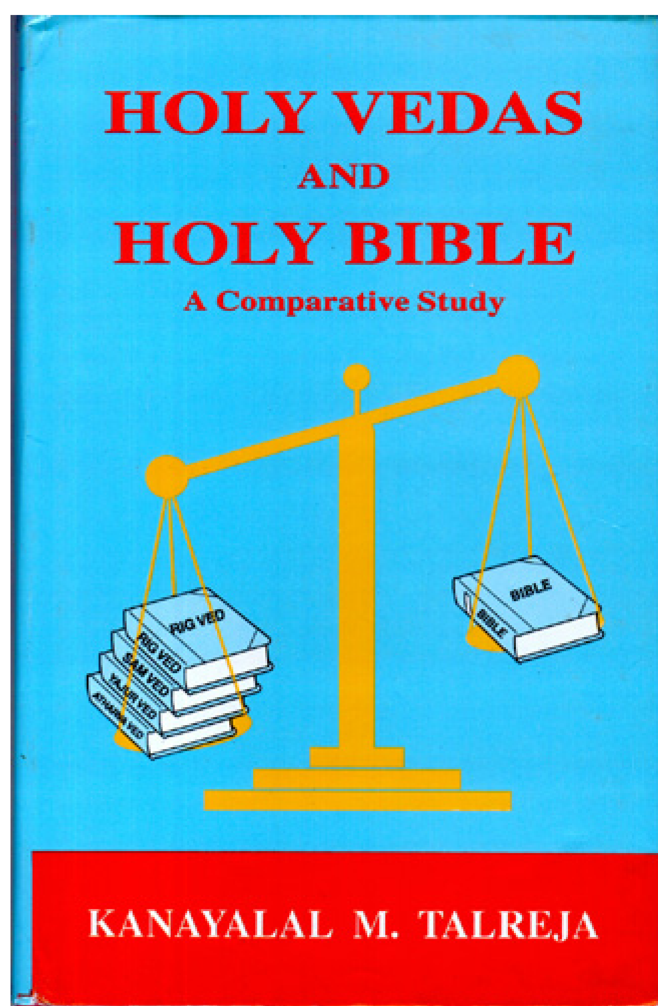
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HOLY BIBLES

A Comparative Study

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PREFACE

WHY DID I WRITE THIS BOOK ?

1. MALICIOUS STATEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN PROSELYTISERS

(i) J.P. Leonard, S.J. Archbishop of Madurai, proclaimed unambiguously :

If we would reveal our intentions, without hiding them at all, we hold that the Hindu Puranas and Hinduism must disappear from this land; and the sooner they disappear, the more welcome. [1]

- J.P. Leonard

(ii) **Richard Temple**, while addressing a Christian audience in England in 1883, expressed his fond hope that Hinduism will die out. He said :

India is like a mighty bastion, which is being battered by heavy artillery. We have given blow after blow, and thud after thud, and the effect is not at first very remarkable; but at last with a crash the mighty structure will come toppling down, and it is our hope that some day the heathen religions of India will in like manner succumb. [2]

- Richard Temple

(iii) **Francis Xavier** once declared :

I order everywhere the temples pulled down and all idols broken. I know not how to describe in words the joy I feel before the spectacle of pulling down and destroying the idols. [3]

- Francis Xavier

(iv) In January, 1993, a group of Newzealand anglicans under the leadership of **Mr. Paul Saunders** came to Bharat to propagate Christianity. He bewailed with astonishment :

Ninety per cent of India is Hindu, and there is an incredible lack of knowledge about Christianity While the Christian faith has been in India for a long time, only three per cent are Christians.

- Paul Saunders

(v) During the course of the TV programme, the **Dayspring International** also quoted Lady Teresa saying :

There is no solution to the problem of Indian people apart from the Gospel of Christ. [4]

- Lady Teresa

(vi) **The Dayspring International** lamented :

Though Christianity has been in India for nearly 2,000 years, we have less than three per cent of the population. Ninety seven per cent are yet to be reached.

The afore-mentioned malicious intentions and statements indicate categorically that the Christian missionaries have posed a serious threat to the security and integrity of our country. In order to meet this threat effectively, I took pains to write this book, so that the world should know where the truth lies.

2. X-RAY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II'S 'ECCLESIA IN ASIA'

(i) Pope's plan to Christianise Asia in third millennium

When Pope John Paul II paid a visit to Bharat in November, 1999, he signed and presented on November 6, 1999 a document, Apostolic Exhortation, on the Church in Asia, entitled **Ecclesia in Asia** at New Delhi□s Sacred Heart Cathedral in presence of more than 300 bishops of Asia. **Ecelesia in Asia** is a post-synodal address by the Pope to the bishops, priests and deacons of Asia. In the Introduction, (captioned as □*The Marvel of God□s plan in Asia*□) to □*Ecclesia in Asia*□, the Pope exhorts the bishops and priests of Asia as under :

> □*Just as in the first millennium the Cross was planted on the soil of Europe, and in the second on that of the Americas and Africa, we can pray that in the Third Christian Millennium a great harvest of faith will be reaped in this vast and vital continent.*□[5]
>
> **- Pope John Paul II**

The readers should note that the Pope calls the above Plan as □*The Marvel of God□s plan in Asia*□. The afore-mentioned words of the Pope made me think as to why the whole of Europe and America embraced Christianity. What are the excellences in Bible which attracted the people of the West towards Christ and his gospel ? This thought made me study again Holy Bible in contrast to Holy Vedas minutely. The present book is the result of my minute elaborate comparative study of the two Holy Books.

(ii) Pope : None else but Christ is the Redeemer of the World

The norms of courtesy required that the Pope should have paid tribute to the spiritual Heroes of Hinduism atleast on the soil of Hindusthan. He not only failed to do so, but also pronounced and proclaimed - that too on the soil of Bharat - that no other founder of religion (including Hinduism), except Christ is the sole Saviour of the world. He instructed the bishops and priests of Asia assembled in the Synod to illustrate and explain this point to the people of Asia unambiguously. He states in second para of Introduction to □**Ecclesia in Asia**□ :

> □*I hoped that the Synod might illustrate and explain more fully the truth that Christ is the one Mediator between God and man and the sole Redeemer of the world, to be clearly distinguished from founders of other great religions.*□[6]
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> **- Pope John Paul II**

The Pope further says

> □*The religious values they (religions of Asia) teach await their fulfilment in Jesus Christ.*□[7]
>
> **- Pope John Paul II**

The afore-mentioned words of the Pope prompted me to present to the people of not only Asia but also the world a comparative study of Holy Bible and Holy Vedas to enable them to judge whether Jesus Christ alone can be the sole Saviour of the world.

(iii) Pope□s clarion call for conversion of the Asians

The Pope John Paul II states in para No. four of Introduction to □**Ecclesia in Asia**□ as under :

> □*In recalling the Catholic community□s humble condition, as well as the weaknesses of its members, the Synod was also a call to conversion, so that the Church in Asia might become ever more worthy of the graces continually being offered by God□□ In 1995, I invited the Bishops of Asia gathered in Manila to □open wide to Christ the do*

ors of Asia. [8]

- Pope John Paul II

(iv) Pope : It is the duty of entire Church to convert people to Christianity

The Pope admits in his Ecclesia in Asia that the entire Church is missionary and evangelization (conversion) is its duty :

> *The Second Vatican Council taught clearly that the entire Church is missionary, and that the work of evangelization is the duty of the whole People of God.* [9]

- Pope John Paul II

(v) Pope : The Peoples of Asia need Christ and His Gospel

The Pope John Paul II urges upon the disciples of Christ in Asia to put forth their ceaseless efforts to fulfil the so called divine mission of converting the peoples of Asia to Christianity on the plea that they need Jesus Christ and his Gospel. He says :

> *The peoples of Asia need Jesus Christ and his Gospel. Asia is thirsting for the living water that Jesus alone can give (cf. Jn. 4:10-15). The disciples of Christ in Asia must therefore be unstinting in their efforts to fulfil the mission they have received from the Lord, who has promised to be with them to the end of the age. (cf. Mt. 28:20).* [10]

- Pope John Paul II

It is a sheer lie that the peoples of Asia need Jesus and his gospel. We know how Christian missionaries exploit the ignorance, illiteracy and poverty of the poor tribals and convert them to Christianity by the dint of force, fraud and enticement. The illiterate and half-educated people do not know the horrible contents of Holy Bible. Hence I felt the necessity of writing this book to let the people know the other side (nay-darker side) of the picture.

The present book of mine is an appropriate answer to the Pope's clarion call for conversion. If conversion takes place only on the basis of freedom of conscience, I am more than sanguine this book of mine will inspire the followers of the Pope to embrace Vedic religion. The main purpose of writing this book is to present before the people of the world nothing but truth.

(vi) Misuse of Catholic schools to convert the Asians to Christianity

The Pope John Paul II exhorted the bishops and priests to use (nay, misuse) Catholic schools and universities for evangelization. He says :

> *Catholic schools should continue to be places where the faith can be freely proposed and received. In the same way, Catholic universities, in addition to pursuing the academic excellence for which they are already well-known, must retain a clear Christian identity in order to be a Christian leaven in Asian societies.* [11]

- Pope John Paul II

It will be sheer injustice, rather betrayal, to the innocent youngsters in schools and colleges, if they are misinformed or ill-informed about religion. It is the fundamental right of each student to acquire knowledge about any subject from whatever sources it comes. On this plea, I appeal to the Christian missionaries and the ruling politicians of Asia to present this book to all the students of all the schools and colleges of Asia in order to enable them to know where the truth lies. Without comparative and contrastive study, one cannot distinguish between truth and untruth. This is the

aim of my writing this book to enable the readers to discriminate and distinguish between truth and untruth.

(vii) The Church will be restless till whole of Asia is Christianised

The Pope John Paul□s □Ecclesia in Asia□ makes mention of firm determination of the Synod fathers to convert the whole of Asia to Christianity :

> □*Indeed they (Synod fathers) expressed the conviction that □the heart of the Church in Asia will be restless until the whole of Asia finds its rest in the peace of Christ, the Risen Lord.*□□[12]

- Pope John Paul II

It is an awful challenge of the Church to the devotees of Vedic religion, the Hindus, whom I expect that they should be restless till all the followers of the Church are enlightened through comparative knowledge of both the religions contained in this book, in order to judge impartially which is the superior religion and where the truth lies.

(viii) Pope : Jesus is not a Western, but an Asian.

The Pope along with the Synod fathers feel a deep sense of anguish and astonishment that most of the Asians regard Jesus as a Western rather than an Asian. He means to say that the Asian people ought to own and accept Jesus as their only Saviour on the plea that he was born on Asian soil. He says :

> □*In the opinion of the Synod fathers, it is paradoxical that most Asians tend to regard Jesus - born on Asian soil - as a Western rather than an Asian figure.*□[13]

- Pope John Paul II

The afore-mentioned Papal words made me brood over the point that it was but natural that when Jesus was born on Asian soil, he must have inherited, owned and adopted the most ancient religion of Asia *i.e.* Vedic religion. Here the question arises as to why he turned away from the oldest and the truest religion, whether he found flaws in it, or he was not taught its sublime philosophy. Had he been taught the lofty lessons of sublime significance from Holy Vedas, he would not have founded new religion. These thoughts stirred my pen to present to the people of the world a contrastive and comparative research of the new religion founded by Jesus and the most ancient religion of the world *i.e.* Vedic religion. The truth-seekers who respond to the call of conscience, will feel enlightened to peruse the comparative study of the two religions.

(ix) Pope□s emphasis on evangelization through social communication

The Pope says :

> □*I echo the Synod Fathers□ commendation of Radio Veritas Asia, the only continent-wide radio station for the Church in Asia, for its almost thirty years of evangelization through broadcasting*□□ *I take up the recommendations of the Synod Fathers on the point of evangelization through social communication.*□[14]

- Pope John Paul II

The Hindu politicians of Bharat should learn a lesson from the above passage and utilise all channels of T.V. and all Radio Stations at all times to preach and propagate the sublime and superior philosophy of Vedic religion not only among the people of Hindusthan, but also the whole world.

(x) Pope□s Invocation to St. Mary to help converting all the peoples of Asia

The Pope John Paul II invokes the Virgin Mother of Christ, Holy Mary as under :

> *"O Holy Mary, Daughter of the Most High God, Virgin Mother of the Saviour and Mother of us all, look tenderly upon the Church of your Son planted on Asian soil… Protect the Church from all the powers that threaten her Help her to be a true image of the Most Holy Trinity. Pray that through the Church's love and service, all the peoples of Asia may come to know your Son Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world, and so taste the joy of life in all its fullness."*[15]
>
> **- Pope John Paul II**

Thus, throughout the document, "Ecclesia in Asia", the Pope stresses and emphasises on converting all the peoples of Asia to Christianity. It is a serious challenge to all the citizens of Asia in general, and the Hindus of **Aryavarta** in particular. In order to meet this challenge effectively, I have written this book, which will surely serve as an eye-opener to all.

3. POLICY OF APPEASEMENT TOWARDS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES

But for the sinister and suicidal policy of appeasement towards Christian missionaries adopted by the pseudo-secular ruling politicians of Hindusthan, the Christian proselytisers could not have converted millions of innocent illiterate poor Hindus to Christianity and succeeded in establishing Christendom in three states of North-East : Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya. The ruling politicians of Hindusthan not only bluntly refused to impose a ban on the conversion of Hindus to Christianity and Islam, but also they provided the minorities with constitutional guarantee to propagate their religion.

The Christian missionaries are not allowed entry in Egypt, Afghanistan and the Middle-East Arab countries. In several African countries, not only the missionaries are banned, but even the churches are demolished and the converts, persuaded to return to their ancestral faith. Will the pseudo-secular Hindu politicians awake and act only when all the provinces of Hindusthan follow the suit of Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya, reducing Hindus to minority ?

In 1954, the government of Madhya Pradesh under Resolution No. 318-716-V-Con., dated 14th April, 1954, appointed an enquiry committee under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Bhawani Shankar Niyogi, ex-chairman, Public Service Commission, Madhya Pradesh, and a retired Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Nagpur, to have a thorough enquiry into the Christian missionary activities. In 1956, Dr. Niyogi submitted his report and recommended very strong measures including constitutional amendment, so as to seal the loopholes in the secular system, imposition of a ban on proselytisation and inflow of foreign funds and banishing of all anti-national Christian missionaries from the sacred soil of Hindusthan. But alas! The Union Government did not pay heed to the valuable recommendations made by Justice Dr. M.B. Niyogi and continued its sinister suicidal policy of appeasement towards the religious minorities with the result that today Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya are Christian majority states and the newly-converted Christians, who were once Hindus, being instigated by the Church, have posed a serious threat to the integrity and security of Hindusthan by resorting to secessionism.

Shri Omprakash Tyagi presented a "*Freedom of Religion Bill*" in Parliament. It recommended that there should be no conversion from one religion to another. There was nothing objectionable in the bill which treated all religions alike. It did no injustice to any religion. But alas ! Our pseudo-secular government succumbed, to the pressure of the Church and the Islamic fundamentalists, and the most needed piece of legislation was thwarted.

This book, which is the result of my minute elaborate research, will surely awaken the slumbering Hindus of Hindusthan to raise voice against the denationalising campaign of Christian missionaries and compel the ruling Hindu politicians to impose ban on the proselytizing activities of the

Christian missionaries.

4. RIGHT OF RELIGIOUS PROPAGATION GRANTED BY INDIAN CONSTITUTION

The Christian missionaries, native as well as foreigners, did not participate in the freedom struggle, hence they had guilty conscience. Almost all of them made preparations to leave Bharat and return to England after independece. But in 1950, when the architects of our Constitution made an announcement of inclusion of the fundamental right in the new Constitution to "*freely profess, practise and propagate*" religion, the Christian missionaries welcomed the Constitution and gave up the idea of returning to England. They succeeded in influencing the makers of our Constitution to give them fundamental right to propagate their religion with complete freedom which was not allowed even during the British rule. Miss **M.E. Gibbs**, in her "*History of the Anglican Church in India*", admits :

> "*Christian influence secured the inclusion, among the fundamental rights in the new Constitution, of the right to "freely profess, practise and propagate" religion. This was a remarkable concession.*"[16]

- M.E. Gibbs

The Christian missionaries misused the religious liberty accorded to them by our Constitution. They accelerated the speed of mass conversion of poor illiterate Hindus to Christianity. They construed the words of the Constitution "*to propagate religion freely*" as an unrestricted license to convert Hindus to Christianity freely without any hindrance. They began to claim that it was their fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution of India to propagate their religion freely among the Hindu tribals and to convert them to Christianity. They threatened that if anybody interfered in their fundamental right, he would be violating the Constitution of India. Thus, they openly resorted to abuse of the religious liberty accorded to them by our Constitution. Justice Dr. M.B. Niyogi describes the situation in his report as under

> "*The various ways which we have already indicated are nothing short of abuse of "the religious liberty" accorded by the Constitution of India.*"[17]

-Dr. M.B. Niyogi

Dr. Niyogi was not an ordinary man. He was chairman, Public Service Commission, Madhya Pradesh, and also Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Nagpur. He submitted the afore-mentioned report containing strong recommendations for amendment of the Constitution as early as 1956, *i.e.* during the regime of **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**. But neither Nehru, nor his successors cared to implement the said recommendations. Forty four years have elapsed, but the Constitution is still not amended in accordance with the recommendation of Dr. Niyogi. It indicates categorically that the attitude of our ruling politicians was anti-Hindu.

The Christian missionaries not merely claimed that the "*right to propagate one's religion*" as guaranteed in the Constitution, signified the "*right to convert*", but also they knocked the doors of High Courts and even Supreme Court to see that their "*right to convert*" is upheld at all costs. When the Madhya Pradesh and Orissa governments enacted the "*Freedom of Religion Act*" to control proselytisation of poor illiterate Hindus to Christianity, the Christian missionaries challenged them in the High Courts. When they lost the case, they appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court also upheld both the Acts as Constitutional and rejected the argument of the Christian missionaries that the "*right to propagate one's religion*" guaranteed in the Constitution implied the "*right to convert*".

In addition to the governments of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa, the Arunachal Pradesh Government also passed the Freedom of Religion Act in 1978. In spite of all these efforts and also the fact that the **right of conversion is not a fundamental right granted under the Constitution, as decided by the Supreme Court**, conversions of the poor innocent Hindus to Christianity and Islam have not stopped, because the proselytisers are directly and indirectly supported by the ruling politicians, who have got their own axe to grind, *i.e.* to capture political power by the dint of mass votes of religious minorities.

I am more than sanguine that this book of mine will expose not only the claims of Christian missionaries regarding the so called supremacy of their religion, but also the pseudo-secular politicians, who appease and encourage the secessionist proselytisers to propagate their religion, which in comparison to Vedic religion, is too inferior to be accepted. This is the aim and object of writing the book.

5. VILE AND VICIOUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HINDUS AND HINDUISM

Christian missionaries and Islamic fundamentalists condemn a Hindu as kafir, infidel, heretic, heathen, pagan, atheist, irreligious and damned.

Christian missionaries do not consider non-Christians as human beings. They claim that only those who are Christians deserve to be called humans, while others are animals. They support their claim by quoting two dictionaries : □*World Book Dictionary*□, in which □*Christian*□ is defined as □*human, not animal*□, and □*The Webster□s Third New International Dictionary*□, in which one of the meanings of a □*Christian*□ is □*human being as distinguished from a lower animal*□.

Christian missionaries assault on Hindus, Hindu culture, Hindu ethos and Hindu scriptures. Degradation of Hindus, desecration of Hindu gods, and denigration of Hindu scriptures by Christian missionaries boil the blood of Hindus. Church calls us as □Children of Satan□. They say our worship is □*pagan worship*□. They often preach, □*Hindus are pagans, they will go to Hell*□. The Southern Baptists have made up their minds to convert all Hindus, whom they call □people in the dark and hell.□ □*The Hindus, who are groping in the dark, need the light which can be bestowed only by Christ*□, they claim.

Thus Christian missionaries not only subvert Hindu ethos and Hindu culture within Hindu homeland, but also paint Hindus and Hinduism in dark colours in the media and academia.

The afore-mentioned vile and vituperative epithets ascribed to Hindus and the bogus claim of Christian missionaries that only Christ can enlighten the Hindus who are groping in the dark, have prompted me to write this book to let the world know where the light is. I am more than sanguine the impartial truth-seekers, after perusing this comparative and contrastive study of Vedas and Bible, will be able to judge where the light is, and where the darkness remains.

Swami Vivekananda□s blood boiled when he witnessed Christian missionaries indulging in vile vilification and vituperation against Hinduism. He vehemently exposed the cunning Christian proselytisers and strongly protested against their malicious propaganda. Addressing a Christian meeting at Detroit, Swami Vivekananda said:

> □*You train and educate and clothe and pay men to do what ? To come over to my country to curse and abuse all my fore-fathers, my religion and everything□□ They walk near a temple and say, □you idolaters, you will go to hell□. But they dare not do that to the Mohammedans of India, the sword would be out.... And whenever your ministers criticise us, let them remember this :* ***If all India stands up and takes all the mud that is at the bottom of the Indian Ocean and throws it up against the Western countries, it will not be doing an infinitesimal part of that which you are doing to us.***□[18]

- Swami Vivekananda

It is a matter of immense anguish, agony and amazement that untruth suppresses the truth. This book of mine aims at acquainting the ignorant men with truth so that they may not only shun untruth but also expose those who preach and propagate untruth.

6. DECEITFUL METHODS OF CONVERSION

The Christian missionaries have been adopting all kinds of methods - force, fraud, frightening, persuasion, temptation, vilification, vituperation, tortures, torments and even blood-curdling atrocities. Terror and tyranny, compulsion and coercion, barbarity and brutality backed by Salvation Army were the only methods adopted by the Portuguese Roman Catholic proselytisers in Goa.

Dr. P. Thomas records :

> *"It was the boast of the Hooghly Portuguese, that they made more Christians in a year by forcible conversions, of course, than all the missionaries in the East in ten."*[19]

- Dr. P. Thomas

Gandhiji was fully aware of the deceitful methods adopted by the Christian missionaries in famine areas. He narrates his experience in his "Harijan" very candidly :

> *"Only the other day .a missionary descended on a famine area with money in his pocket, distributed it among the famine-stricken, converted them to his fold, took charge of their temple and demolished it. This is outrageous. The temple could not belong to the converted Hindus, and it could not belong to the Christian missionary. But this friend goes and gets it demolished at the hands of the very men who, only a little while ago, believed that God was there."*[20]

- M.K. Gandhi

According to **Justice Niyogi's** report, the missionaries in Madhya Pradesh gave small loans on interest to the poor Hindu tribals. They knew that their victims were too poor to pay back the loans. Hence, they exploited their wretched plight and offered to waive off their loan, if they embraced Christianity. Those who neither repaid the loan, nor embraced Christianity were persecuted. Consequently, the poor innocent Hindu tribals had no other alternative except to accept Christianity willy-nilly.

Justice Niyogi further narrates in his report

> *"Shri Chhiddi, cultivator (Mandla, No. 7), who used to receive two bottles of kerosene oil and Rs. 13 per month to learn the tenets of Christian religion and induce others to do so, was asked not to greet others with the words, "Ram Ram", but use the words, "Jai Yeshu". In the letter published by Dr Elwin in "Hindustan Times" dated 14th June, 1944, there occurs the mention of the fact that those who came under the influence of the missionaries began to greet with words "Jai Yeshu" instead of "Jai Rama.""*[21]

- Dr. M.B. Niyogi

The basic motive of the Christian missionaries in running schools and hospitals is proselytisation or creating congenial atmosphere for conversion. It is not selfless philanthropy. Their ultimate

objective is to de-Hinduise and disintegrate Hindusthan.

Gandhiji often quoted **General Booth** of the Salvation Army writing to his son :

> "*The social work is the bait, but it is salvation that is the hook that lands the fish.*"

- General Booth

7. DENATIONALISING AND SUBVERSIVE IMPACT OF CONVERSION

Swatantrya Veer Savarkar, the political prophet of Akhand Hindusthan (United India), said candidly

> "*Change of religion is change of nationality.*"

- Veer Savarkar

Conversion of a Hindu to Christianity is not merely a change in his mode of worship. It is a change in his loyalty to his nation. It is a change in his mentality and attitude to his ancestors and his national heroes. His loyalty to Christianity becomes his first and foremost duty. His loyalty to nation becomes subservient to his loyally to Christianity. His whole personality undergoes a sea-change. His name, dress, language, script, customs, conventions, rites, rituals, food, feasts, festivals, culture and civilization change with his change of religion. He drifts away from the mainstream of nationalism. He no more shares the joy and sorrow of the country with the rest of his countrymen. With change of religion, his concept of history changes. He begins to despise his national heroes and admire and adore the foreign invaders belonging to his new religion.

Gandhiji, while addressing Indian Christians- said unambiguously :

> "*As I wander about throughout the length and breadth of India, I see many Christian Indians ashamed of their birth, certainly of their ancestral religion, and of their ancestral dress. The aping of Europeans by Anglo-Indians is bad enough, but the aping of them by the Indian converts is a violence done to their country and, shall I say, even to their new religion. Is it not truly deplorable that many Christian Indians discard their own mother-tongue, bring up their children only to speak in English ? Do they not thereby completely cut themselves adrift from the nation in whose midst they have to live ?*"[22]

- M.K. Gandhi

The Christian missionaries, by the dint of proselytisation, denationalise our countrymen for the disintegration of the country. They create in the minds of the converts psychological affinity with the western countries, western people and western culture and civilization. They wean them away from the national mainstream. They sow the seeds of secessionism in their minds. Consequently, the converts begin to act hand-in-clove with proselytisers to disintegrate the country. The open rebellion in the Naga Hills was engineered by the Christian missionaries.

Dr. Niyogi states in his report :

> "*As conversion muddles the convert's sense Of unity and solidarity with his society, there is a danger of his loyalty to his country and state being undermined.*"[23]

- Dr. M.B. Niyogi

Charles Dickens, the most popular and the greatest of English novelists, opines

> "*Missionaries are perfect nuisances and leave every place worse than they found it.*"[24]

- Charles Dickens

The converts of Nagaland who were known previously as Hindus of Hindusthan, were given the appellation, □*Christian tribals*□ of foreign independent state by the anti-national Christian missionaries. They were taught to refer Hindusthan as a foreign country. Even today when a Christian Naga comes to Shillong, he says, □*I have come to India*□, as if India is a foreign country for him, and he is a non-Indian. He considers himself as a citizen of foreign independent sovereign state of Nagaland ! Is it not a deliberate denationalising attempt to cut off illiterate, ignorant, poverty-ridden Hindu tribals of the north-east from the national ethos ? Is it not an anti-national enterprise engineered in the name of religion and God ? The same is the case in Meghalaya and Mizoram. The three states of Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland having Christian majority are actually Christian states for all practical purposes. Hindus are reduced to a negligible minority in these states. The population of Hindus, according to the census of 1991, is 10.12 per cent in Nagaland, 14.67 per cent in Meghalaya and 5.05 per cent in Mizoram. Hindus, being in minority, are subjected to discriminatory treatment. This is the blood-curdling horrendous consequence of conversions made by anti-national Christian missionaries. The unity and integrity of Bharat, our beloved country, which is already truncated, is endangered and the danger of separate Christian states still looms large due to machinations of the secessionist missionaries.

Dr. M.B. Niyogi states :

> □*Evangelization in India appears to be apart Of uniform world policy to revive Christendom for re-establishing western supremacy and is not prompted by spiritual motives. The objective is apparently to create Christian majority pockets with a view to disrupt the solidarity of the non-Christian societies, and the mass conversion of a considerable section of Adivasis with this ulterior motive is fraught with danger to the security of the State.*□[25]

- Dr. M.B. Niyogi

Still it is not too late to mend. If we, the Hindus of Hindusthan, did not awake, arise and act in time, we, would have to say what an **African nationalist** said :

> □*When they (Christian missionaries) came, we had the land and they had the Bible, and today we have the Bible and they have our land.*□

- An African Nationalist

Gandhiji, too, came to the following candid conclusion :

> □*If I had power and could legislate, I should certainly stop all proselytizing. For Hindu households, the advent of a missionary has meant the disruption of the family, coming in the wake of change of dress, manners, language, food and drink.*□[26]

- M.K. Gandhi

Swami Vivekananda said:

> □*Every man going out of the Hindu pale is not only a man less, but an enemy more.*□[27]

-Swami Vivekananda

Guruji M.S. Golwalkar stated unambiguously:

> □*Conversion of Hindus into other religions is dangerous to the security of the nation and the country. It is therefore necessary to put a stop to it. It is by exploitation of poverty, illiteracy and ignorance, offering of inducement and by deceptive tactics that people are converted. It is but right that this unjust activity is prohibited. It is a duty*

we have to discharge towards protecting our brethren in ignorance and poverty.□[28]

- Guruji M.S. Golwalkar

The purpose of my writing this book is to inspire the Hindus of Hindusthan to awake, arise and compel the ruling politicians to impose ban on all proselytizing activities by the dint of legislation.

8. THE GOAN INQUISITION

The Goan Inquisition, called □*Holy Inquisition of Goa*□ under **Aleixo Dias Falcao** committed inhuman atrocities on the Hindus of Goa, Daman, Diu and Vasai etc. for a period of about 250 years from 1560 to 1812. Thousands of innocent Hindus were killed and burnt. Thousands of Hindu women were raped and then burnt on stake. Two thousand virgins were raped and then burnt in a span of three days ! All it was done in the name of religion.

Charles Duryea Smith writes :

> □*The Christians proceeded to spread some of history*□*s most non-violent teachings by force and violence. Thus there were religious wars of unprecedented violence, history-bending crusades of blood-shed, and the crushing cruelty of the Inquisition, all in the name of the Carpenter from Nazareth.*□[29]

- Charles Duryea Smith

J.C. Barreto Miranda, a Goanese historian, wrote of the Inquisitors sent by the Pope :

> □*Every word of theirs was a sentence of death and at their slightest nod were moved to terror the vast populations spread over the Asiatic regions, whose lives fluctuated in their hands, and who, on the most frivolous pretext could be clapped for all time in the deepest dungeon or strangled or offered as food for the flames of the pyre.*□[30]

- J.C. Barreto Miranda

Have I no reason to x-ray the religion which committed unprecedented atrocities ?

9. HUMAN STATE WITH HUMANITY AS NATIONALITY

Hindus believe in universal brother-hood. They believe in the welfare of not only human beings of the whole Earth, but also the birds and beasts as illustrated by the following couplet:

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु, मा कश्चित्‌दुःख भाग्भवेत् ॥

May all be happy,
May all be healthy,
May all be blessed,
May none suffer from,
grief and sorrow !

According to Vedic philosophy, all the people of the earth belong to one family :

वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्

The whole world is one family.

Yajur Veda admonishes the same thing

यत्र विश्वं भवत्येक नीडम् ।
– *यजुर्वेद ३२/८*

The whole universe is one family.
- Yajur Veda 32/8

The Head of the family is the Creator of the cosmos, He is the kind Father of all human beings of the universe, who are brothers to one another. The golden principle of brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God is the essence of the Vedic teachings

श्रृण्वन्तु विश्वे अमृतस्य पुत्राः ।

All men are sweet sons of Supreme Being.

We should, therefore, sublimate ourselves above the manmade artificial division of the world into various states based on race or religion. **The whole globe is a Human State. The earth is the real motherland of all human beings, and humanity is the nationality of all men, whether black or brown, Hindu or Muslim, Christian or Jew.** Thus, a Human government, with universal laws based on the principle of equality, fraternity and liberty is the only panacea of all ills and ailments of the world.

10. YOU CANNOT CLAP WITH ONE HAND

The golden aim of establishing a “*Human State with Humanity as Nationality*” can be achieved only when all sections of people, irrespective of caste, colour, creed, community and country, willingly volunteer to sublimate themselves above the man-made artificial division of the world on the basis of race or religion. You cannot clap with one hand.

11. I AM PROUD OF MY VEDIC RELIGION

I am proud of my Vedic Religion, which has taught me to treat all human beings of the world as my beloved brothers and sisters. Their happiness is my happiness. Their suffering is my suffering. This is my firm faith that in my country **Aryavarta**, which is called **Bharatvarsha, Bharat and Hindusthan**, all the citizens whether they follow Vedas or Quran or Bible or Guru Granth Sahib, are an integral part of our composite society entitled to equal rights, equal opportunities and equal privileges. In the words of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**, they are “*flesh of my flesh and blood of my blood*”. Their progress is my progress. Their downfall is my downfall. But at the same time I earnestly desire that no one should assault my culture, my ethos and my civilization, and that no one should proselytise my brothers and sisters with political motive to disintegrate my country. He who does so, is my enemy and the enemy of my country.

12. REGENERATION OF MANKIND AND REJUVENATION OF SOCIETY

By the dint of this book, I Want to convey my golden message of regeneration of mankind and rejuvenation of the society which may be free from fanaticism and fundamentalism, secessionism and separatism, bigotry and bloodshed - the society where truth, justice, equality, liberty, fraternity, sympathy and fellow-feeling may reign supreme, where no politician appeases a particular group at the cost of others, where no proselytiser converts the poor gullible people by fraud, force or temptation with political motive, where no bigot instigates his followers to cut the throat of his fellow-beings on the mere pretext of different mode of worship.

13. MY INTENTION NOT TO HURT BUT ENLIGHTEN

My intention of writing this book is to enlighten the truth-seekers, not to hurt the sentiments of any person or any community. However, if any person feels hurt, I request him to excuse me on the plea that I have not written a single line of my own against Christ, Christianity and Holy Bible. I have simply repeated verbatim what is already narrated in Holy Bible. I have also not inserted any unpleasant opinion of any Hindu writer against Christ and Christianity, I have included opinions, both positive as well as negative, of some celebrated Western scholars by quoting the page numbers of their original books in the foot-notes. In some cases the page numbers of their books reprinted verbatim by responsible Indian publishers are given. I have also picked up some of their quotations from the books written by Indian authors. Since no body has so far challenged the authenticity of these quotations, I consider them as genuine.

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1
VEDIC MONOTHEISM AND BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF TRINITY

1. VEDIC MONOTHEISM

Vedic philosophy revolves round singularity of God. There is no mention of plurality of God in Vedas. Vedic religion is pure unadulterated Monotheism. According to Hoy Vedas, God is one, not many :

स एष एक एकवृदेक एव ।
– अथर्ववेद १३/४/२०

Verily He is one
Single, indivisible, supreme reality.
- Atharva Veda 13/4/20

Oneness of God is the axis round which the philosophy of Vedas revolves. None but God alone reigns and rules over the whole universe. True kingship belongs to Creator of the cosmos. He alone is the Supreme Sovereign of the universe :

एको विश्वस्य भुवनस्य राजा ।
— *ऋग्वेद ६/३६/४*

He is the sole sovereign
Of the universe.
- Rig Veda 6/36/4

There is none who equals him. He is One, without parallel :

य एको अस्ति दंसना महाँ उग्रो अभि व्रतैः ।
— *ऋग्वेद ८/१/२७*

He is one, unparalleled
Through His wondrous, mighty
And formidable laws and deeds.
- Rig Veda 8/1/27

Vedic philosophy does not approve of polytheism. There are no gods except one God, who is the Lord of lords. Only He is worthy to be worshipped and fit to be adored :

एक एव नमस्योऽविक्ष्वीडयाः ।
— *अथर्ववेद २/२/१*

There is only One
Who ought to be adored
By the people.
- Atharva Veda 2/2/1

Holy Vedas declare that God alone is the unchallenged Lord of the whole creation. All sorts of eulogy, adoration and prayer befit Him only. Man does not deserve to be eulogised and deified by man. The deification of man by man is not permitted by Vedic religion. Therefore, it behoves man to worship the Great Lord of the cosmos only :

मा चिदन्यद्वि शंसत सखयो मा रिषण्यत ।
इन्द्रमित्स्तोता वृषणं सचा सुते मुहुरुक्था च शंसत ॥
— *सामवेद २४२*

O friends,
Adore none else but Providence
Who is supreme bestower of bliss
And thus thou wilt not suffer;
Eulogise Him in congregation
And sing songs of His glory repeatedly
- Sam Veda 242

God is singular, but his names are plural. All the epithets mentioned in Holy Vedas are ascribed to one God, who is Creator of the cosmos. *Shiva, Shankara, Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh, Ganesh, Indra, Mitra, Varuna, Agni, Yama* etc. are the epithets of one Supreme Being, who is formless, featureless, birthless and bodiless. He is unborn, eternal, immortal and everlasting. He has no agents, no intermediaries, no representatives, no incarnations and no partners. He has neither father, nor mother. He has neither wife, nor sons, nor daughters. He has no attachment. But He is Benevolent

Father of all his children, and imparts equal love impartially to all his creatures. He is kind to all, cruel to, none. His first name is *Om*. But He is evoked and adored by several other names which are written in Vedas

इन्द्रं मित्रं वरुणमग्निमाहुरथो दिव्यः स सुपर्णो गरुत्मान् ।
एकं सद्विप्रा बहुधा वदन्त्यग्नि यमं मातरिश्वानमाहुः ॥
– ऋग्वेद १/१६४/४६

He is One Brahma
The Creator of the cosmos
Who pervades and protects
And enlightens aft beings
He is One Supreme Entity
Whom sages call by various names
Such as Indra, the glorious
Mitra, the benign friend
Varuna, the greatest, the noblest
Agni, the resplendent, the bright
Yama, the dispenser of justice
Matarishwa, the almighty.
- Rig Veda 1/164/46

He is Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. He is All-powerful and All-pervasive. He pervades, permeates and penetrates all things and all hearts

सऽओतः प्रोतश्च विभूः प्रजासु ।
– यजुर्वेद ३२/८

He, the all-pervasive
Pervades all beings
Within and without.
- Yajur Veda 32/8

He reigns magnificently and munificently over the whole universe. He is unparalleled and unequalled emperor of the cosmos created by Him. He is the One and the sole Sovereign of all creation, animate and inanimate. He is the unchallenged Master of. the whole cosmos :

देवो देवानामसि ।
– ऋग्वेद १/९४/१३

Thou art Lord of lords.
- Rig Veda 1/94/13

God does not have face, form, features, signs and symbols. He has no body. He is formless, featureless and bodiless. He is birthless and deathless. When He does not take birth, He cannot assume body. He cannot be seen, He can be felt. Hence no picture or portrait, idol or statue of God can be made.

न तस्य प्रतिमाऽअस्ति ।
– यजुर्वेद ३२/३

God has no image.

- Yajur Veda 32/3

The Western scholars, who drank deep from Vedic spring, have never lagged behind in admiring and appreciating the oneness of God as revealed in Vedas, from the core of their hearts. **Count Bjornstjerne**, the Norway’s national poet, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1903, observes :

> *“These truly sublime ideas cannot fail to convince us that the Vedas recognise only one God, who is Almighty, Infinite, Eternal, Self-existent, the Light and Lord of the Universe.”*

- Count Bjornstjerne

Colebrook, the British scholar, states :

> *“The ancient Hindu religion as found in the Hindu scriptures (the Vedas) recognises but one God.”*

- Colebrook

Charles Coleman acknowledges in his book “**Theophany of the Hindus**”, the oneness of God as revealed in Holy Vedas as under :

> *“The Almighty, Infinite, Eternal, Incomprehensible, Self-existent Being, He who sees everything though never seen is Brahm, the one unknown, True Being, the Creator, the Preserver and Destroyer of the Universe. Under such and innumerable other definitions is the Deity acknowledged in the Vedas.”*

- Charles Coleman

Livi, the famous Arabic poet, honours and admires the blessed land of Hindusthan and Holy Vedas as under :

> *“Blessed land of Hind (Hindusthan), thou art worthy of reverence, for in thee has God revealed true knowledge of Himself. What a pure light do these four revealed books afford to our mind’s eyes like the charming and cool lustre of the dawn ! These four God revealed upon His prophets (Rishis) in Hind. Those treasuries are the Sama and Yajur which God has preached. O my brothers, revere these, for they all tell us the good news of salvation. The next two of these four, the Rig and the Atharva, teach us lessons of universal brotherhood. These two (Vedas) are the beacons that warn us to turn towards that goal (universal brotherhood).”*

- Livi

Dara Shakoh, the son of king Shah Jehan and elder brother of Aurangzeb, comes to the conclusion in Persian language as under :

> *“After gradual research, I have come to the conclusion that long before all heavenly books like the Quran, the Old Testament and the New Testament etc., God had revealed to the Hindus through the Rishis of Yore, of whom BRAHAM was the chief, His four books of knowledge, the Rigveda, the Yajurveda, the, Samveda, and the AtharvaVeda.”*

- Dara Shakoh

2. BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF TRINITY

(i) (a) Doctrine of “three in one” and “three equal to one”

Unlike Vedic religion, which is pure Monotheism, Holy Bible preaches the doctrine of Trinity, i.e. the existence of three Gods : God, the Father, God, the Son (Christ) and God, the Holy Ghost (Spirit). The Christians believe that each God is equal in power and glory, and that these three are one. Thus Christianity revolves round the theory of “three in one” and “three equal to one”. And they still call it “monotheism” ! They claim that their doctrine of Trinity or Trinitarianism amounts to monotheism.

(b) Three Entities are one

The New Testament says

> **1. “7. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.”**
>
> *- 1 John, 5/7*

The above text appears on page 1279 of the authorised (King James) version of the Holy Bible printed by the Gideons International in U.S.A. in 1979. But, later on it is omitted from the Bible. In this connection **W.P. Ball** and **G.W. Foote** write in their “The Bible Handbook” as under :

> *“This verse, being demonstrated a forgery, is omitted from the Revised Version. It is the only text distinctly asserting the doctrine of the Trinity, which is really a Christian invention or development of later date than the Bible.”*[31]
>
> **- W.P. Ball and G.W. Foote**

Thomas Jefferson, the third President of U.S.A. who was the founding father of secularism In government in the modern West, exclaimed :

> *“The incomprehensible jargon of Trinitarian arithmetic, that three are one and one is three.”*[32]
>
> **-Thomas Jefferson**

James A. Haught states :

> *“In A.D. 385 at Trier. Germany, bishops put to death Priscillian and his followers for doubting the Trinity and the Resurrection.”*[33]
>
> **- James A. Haught**

Leo Tolstoy, the renowned Russian writer and thinker, opines :

> *“One may utter words that have no sense, but one cannot believe what has no sense - one cannot believe that God is, at the same time, both One and also Three...”*[34]
>
> **- Leo Tolstoy**

(c) Convert and baptize all nations in the name of three entities

The New Testament instructs the Pope and all Christian missionaries to go and convert all nations of the world by baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Here is the text :

2. "19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

- Matthew 28/19

It is on account of the above text that Christian missionaries bluntly refuse to stop converting Hindus to their faith. They claim that it is God's command to them that they must convert and baptize all people of all nations of the world. When **Shri Omprakash Tyagi** presented a "Freedom of Religion Bill" in Parliament, which recommended that there should be no conversion from one religion to another, more than three lakh Christians demonstrated in protest against the bill in Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai and Delhi. They claimed that under Article 25(1) of the Indian Constitution it was their fundamental right to convert non-Christians to Christianity. They knocked the doors of High Courts and even Supreme Court to get their "right to convert" upheld judicially. But the then **Chief Justice, Shri A.N. Ray** rejected their claim in his judgement. In spite of the judgments of Supreme Court, the Christian missionaries, under direct and indirect patronization of pseudo-secular Hindu politicians, continue to convert the poor, illiterate and innocent tribal Hindus with political motive on the plea that, it is God's command to them that they must baptize and convert all persons of all nations on the earth.

(d) Eternal damnation for blasphemy against the Holy Ghost

The New Testament declares that the man who blasphemes against the Holy Ghost will be damned eternally :

3. "29. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost bath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation."

- Mark, 3/29

(e) God sent His only begotten Son

The New Testament states that God manifested His love to the people by sending His only begotten Son to the world

4. "9. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

- 1 John, 4/9

(f) Christ in God, God in Christ

The New Testament declares that Jesus Christ is in God, and God is in Jesus Christ.

5. "11. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me;…"

- John, 14/11

(g) God and Christ are one

The Holy Bible (the New Testament) confirms oneness of God and Christ in the following verse :

6. "30. I and my Father are one."

- John, 10/30

(h) God gave all powers to Christ

The Holy Bible (the New Testament) mentions that God gave all powers to Jesus Christ not only on the earth, but also in heaven.

7. "18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

- Matthew, 28118

8. "35. The Father loveth the Son, and bath given all things into his hand."

- John, 3/35

(i) Christ was equal to God

The New Testament states that Christ was in the form of God and that He had full right to be equal to God :

9. "Who (Christ), being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God;"

- Philippians, 2/6

(j) Foolishness of Biblical God !

The New Testament dubs God Almighty as foolish and weak, though His foolishness (?) is wiser than men. Here is the verse :

10. "25. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

- 1 Corinthians, 1/25

It is nothing but blasphemy to call God Almighty, the Supreme Lord, as foolish and weak !

(ii) Laelius Socinus rejected the Doctrine of Trinity

An Italian scholar **Laelius Socinus** (b. 1525-d.1582) emphatically rejected the doctrine of Trinitarianism as irrational and unacceptable to reason. The theory of "*three gods in one*" was not acceptable to him. He started preaching "*monotheism*", the principle of one God. Consequently, he was declared a heretic and expelled from the Church. Any one who preached "*monotheism*" was a heretic, not a true Christian in the estimation of the Church. In 1546, Laelius Socinus joined a **Secret Society**, which preached that the doctrine of "*three gods in one*" (Trideism or Trinitarianism) was untenable and that many tenets of the Roman Catholic Church were repugnant to reason. Consequently the Secret Society was banned by the Church and its several members were massacred because of their only fault that they did not believe in the cult of Trinity. Laelius Socinus had to flee to a foreign place of safety. While in exile, he breathed his last at Zurich. Even today when the Church condemns any person for his secular ideas, it brands him as a "*Socinian*".

(iii) Unitarians were burnt alive

In 1662, about two thousand priests were expelled by the Church under the Act of Uniformity, because they had declined to accept the doctrine of Trinity and professed "*monotheism*" which they called "*Unitarianism*". They considered Christ as a mere mortal and believed in one God. Consequently thousands of Unitarians were burnt at stakes not only in England but also other countries. Ultimately in 1813, the Church, under pressure of public opinion, agreed to accept "Unitarianism" as one of several "*isms*" into which Christianity is divided and subdivided today.

(iv) Rev. William Adam embraced Vedic Religion

Rev. William Adam was assigned the duty of converting Raja Ram Mohan Roy to Christianity. Raja Ram Mohan Roy was a staunch monotheist. So instead of being converted to Christianity, he influenced and impressed William Adam to give up his belief in three Christian gods and embrace Vedic monotheism. Thus Rev. William Adam, a Christian missionary, who had set out to convert

Raja Ram Mohan Roy to Christian trideism, ultimately became a Vedantist[35]. He was, therefore, expelled from the Church and declared a heretic and a Socinian. His conversion to Vedic religion was reported in the "*Annual London Report of the Missionary Society*" as under :

> "*We mention with deep regret that Mr. Adam had embraced opinions derogatory to the honour of the Saviour, denying the proper divinity of "Our Lord Jesus Christ", inconsequence of which the connection between him and the Society has been dissolved.*"[36]

(v) Superiority of the Vedic Religion

Mr. W.D. Brown, the British philosopher, admits in his "*Superiority of the Vedic Religion*" as under :

> "*Vedic religion recognises but one God. It is a thoroughly scientific religion, where religion and science meet hand in hand Here theology is based on science and philosophy.*"

- W.D. brown

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"*Dharma* is the repository of the nation's soul. If Dharma is destroyed, the Nation perishes. Any one who abandons *Dharma*, betrays the nation... Since *Dharma* is supreme, our ideal of the State has been *Dharma Rajya*... What constitutes the good of the people, Dharma alone can decide. Therefore a democratic government *Jana Rajya* must also be rooted in *Dharma* i.e. a *Dharma Rajya*.

Since in the West injustice and atrocities were perpetrated, bitter conflicts and battles were fought in the name of religion, all these were *en bloc* listed on the debit side of Dharma also. We feel that in the name of *Dharma* also battles were fought. However battles of religion and battles of *Dharma* are two different things. Religion means a creed or a sect, it does not mean *Dharma*. *Dharma* is very wide concept. It is concerned with all aspects of life. It sustains the society. Even further, it sustains the whole world. That which sustains is Dharma."

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

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CULT OF VIRGIN MARY AND VEDIC UNIVERSAL LAW

1. CULT OF VIRGIN MARY

(i) Holy Ghost impregnated Virgin Mary

The New Testament states that Jesus Christ□s mother Mary was a virgin. She was betrothed to Joseph. But before she lived with Joseph, she was impregnated by Holy Ghost. Her spouse Joseph was thinking of renouncing her secretly. But one night, God□s angel appeared before him in a dream saying, □Oh Joseph, the son of David ! do not hesitate to take your wife to your house, because she has conceived by Holy Ghost.□

> **11. □18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.□**
>
> *- Matthew 1/18*

> **12. □20□□behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.□**
>
> *- Matthew 1/20*

Those who have implicit faith in Holy Book believe it undoubtedly, while those who are rationalist with scientific bent of mind will not believe that a virgin, being impregnated by Holy Ghost, gave birth to a child.

Charles Smith, the editor of □*The Truth-Seeker*□, opines about the doctrine of the Virgin Birth as under :

> □*The doctrine of the Virgin Birth brands every natural mother as impure.*□
>
> **- Charles Smith**

Thomas Paine, the great thinker and one of the founders of the U.S.A., opines :

> □*The story, taking it as it is told, is blasphemously obscene. It gives an account of a young woman engaged to be married, and while under this engagement she is, to speak plain language, debauched by a ghost, under the impious pretence (Luke, chap. i;, ver. 35), that □the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee.□ Notwithstanding which, Joseph afterward marries her, cohabits with her as his wife, and in his turn rivals the ghost.*□[37]
>
> **- Thomas Paine**

Count Tolstoy, the most famous Russian writer and thinker, opines candidly :

> “*What can be more absurd than that the mother of God was both a mother and a Virgin ?*”[38]

- Count Tolstoy

Thomas Jefferson, the third President of America, predicted about tile above Biblical passage as under :

> “*The day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus, by the Supreme Being as his father in the womb of a virgin, will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter.*”[39]

- Thomas Jefferson

Charles Smith, the editor of “*The Truth-Seeker*”, while referring to the afore-mentioned prediction of Thomas Jefferson, states :

> “*That day has come*”.[40]

- Charles Smith

(ii) Did Mary give birth to other children ?

Yes, the New Testament (Matthew 1/47) reveals that Mary gave birth to other children. Hence she was not a virgin. She was wife of Joseph. Now the question arises : Was Christ son of Joseph and Mary ? The Christians say that he was the Son of God, and that he died to appease the wrath of God. **Thomas Paine** opines in this connection as under :

> “*The Bible and the Testament are impositions upon the world, that the fall of man, the account of Jesus Christ being the Son of God, and of his dying to appease the wrath of God, and of salvation by that strange means, are all fabulous inventions, dishonourable to the wisdom and power of the Almighty.*”[41]

- Thomas Paine

(iii) Did Christ accept Mary as his mother ?

The New Testament states that when Mary along with her other sons, came to see Jesus, he did not receive her. He turned to his disciples and said, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers ?” Here is the text :

> **13. “47. Then one (disciple) said unto him (Christ), Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.”**

- Matthew 1/47

> **14. “48. But he (Christ) answered and said unto him that told him, who is my mother ? and who are my brethren ?”**

- Matthew 1/48

Here some questions arise : When Mary was mother of Jesus Christ, why did she stand out ? Why did she wait out till one of the disciples informed Jesus Christ that his mother along with his brothers was standing out, desiring to speak to him ? Why did she not go inside to meet her son ? Why did Jesus Christ not come out to receive her and his brothers ? Why did he say to the disciples,

□Who is my mother ?□ He should have come out immediately and touched the feet of his mother. Why did he not do so ? All this indicates that he recognised neither his mother nor his brothers. Let the Christian missionaries answer as to why Jesus Christ did not own and accept his holy mother and his beloved brothers.

(iv) Does Christ want his disciples to hate their parents ?

In Luke 14/26 (the New Testament), Jesus Christ wants his disciples to hate their father, mother, brothers, sisters, wife and children. He says :

> **15. □26. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.□**
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> *- Luke, 14/26*

There is also one positive verse in the New Testament, in which Jesus Christ admonished his disciples to □honour thy father and thy mother□ (Matthew 19/19). This precept given by Jesus Christ can be applied to Jesus himself. A man of common sense will surely question as to why Jesus Christ did not honour his mother, why he did not come out to receive his mother respectfully and why he said, □Who is my mother ?□ Did he feel ashamed to call her as his mother, because she was impregnated not by her legitimate husband Joseph but by Holy Ghost ? The Christians feel proud to say that Christ□s mother, Virgin Mary, was impregnated by Holy Ghost; but **Thomas Paine** calls it debauchery ! He opines :

> **□What is it the Testament teaches us ? - to believe that the Almighty committed debauchery with a woman engaged to be married, and the belief of this debauchery is called faith.□**[42]
>
> *- Thomas Paine*

2. VEDIC UNIVERSAL LAW

There is no mention of □a virgin being impregnated by Holy Ghost□ anywhere in Holy Vedas. Vedas do not believe in the existence of ghosts, holy or unholy. According to Vedic religion it is unnatural. It is contrary to the basic law of nature, which is called universal law. According to law of nature a female conceives only when sperm of a male and ovum of a female are united in fallopian tube and grow in uterus.

Some gullible people, who lack power of reasoning may argue that it was an exceptional divine case where natural law did not apply. Holy Vedas admonish such superstitious gullible people that nature treats all equally and impartially. Nature□s law is irrevocable. The administration of the universe is continuously regulated since millions of years accurately and flawlessly on some basic principles and laws, which are called natural laws or universal laws or eternal laws. The natural laws are too perfect to be revoked and repealed. These are applied to all beings equally and impartially irrespective of caste, colour and creed. What is true for all men and women or nature as a whole, is true to an individual, whether high or low, divine or mundane. No one on the earth, however great power he or she possesses, can break the universal law, which is inexorable.

> न मे दासो नार्यो महित्वा व्रतं मीमाय यदहं धरिष्ये ।
> *– अथर्ववेद ५/११/३*

> □No one whether he is Arya or non-Arya
> Can break by means of his power
> My potent eternal law.□

-Atharva Veda, 5/11/3

The following mantra of Rig Veda categorically illustrates that eternal laws (universal laws) of Almighty are irrevocable and inexorable.

नि षसाद धृतव्रतो वरुणः पस्त्या३स्वा ।
साम्राज्याय सुक्रतु : ||
– ऋग्वेद १/२५/१०

He who is firm in actions
Who establishes irrevocable laws,
Whose deeds are flawless,
Pervades and permeates every heart
In order to hold His sway
Over all.
- Rig Veda 1/25/10

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"Dharma enshrines the eternal laws of life."
- Guruji M.S. Golwalkar
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Footnotes:

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[38] (i) **Count Tolstoy** : "*What is Religion ?*"

(ii) **Brahm Datt Bharti** : "*Max Muller - A Lifelong Masquerade*", 1992, p. 218

[39] (i) **T.J. Randolph** : "*Memoir Cor. and Mis.*", vol. 4. p. 365

(ii) **Charles Smith** : "*The Bible in the Balance*", reprinted by Hindu Writers' Forum, New Delhi, p. 5

[40] Ibid

[41] **Thomas Paine** : "*The Age of Reason*", published by Watts and Co., London, 1796, p. 76

[42] **Thomas Paine** : "*The Age of Reason*", published by Watts and Co., London, 1796, pp. 85-86

3
BIBLICAL GOD CREATES CONFLICT, VEDIC GOD PRECEPTS PEACE

It is an admitted fact that God Almighty, the Creator of the cosmos, is one, not two. He is the benign Father of all human beings of the earth irrespective of their caste, colour, creed, community and country. If it is so, how can we describe Him as Biblical God or Vedic God ? As a matter of fact, God is neither Biblical, nor Vedic, nor Quranic. God is God only. He is above epithets. He is beyond comprehension. Yet He is described differently in different scriptures. What is required

that His main characteristics must remain unchanged in all the holy books. When His main characteristics as described in different scriptures contradict each other, it is the duty of scholar to point out where truth lies. Biblical God here means God as described in Holy Bible. Similarly Vedic God signifies God as described in Holy Vedas.

1. BIBLICAL GOD CREATES CONFLICT

(i) Biblical God : □I came not for peace, but a sword.□

In the New Testament, Biblical God declares that He came to the earth not for peace, but to wield a sword :

> **16. □34. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth ; I came not to send peace, but a sword.□**
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> *- Matthew, 10/34*

(ii) Biblical God□s mission : to create rift in family

In the New Testament, Biblical God reveals His mission categorically. He says :

> **17. □For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.□**
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> *- Matthew, 10/35*

2. VEDIC GOD PRECEPTS PEACE

Vedic God bestows peace and harmony on all the members of family. Vedas are harbinger of love and light, peace and prosperity, sweetness and serenity. The first learning centre of man is family. If there prevail peace and love, respect and reverence, dignity and decency, affection and integrity in each family, the citizens will build a strong nation. That is why God precepts in Atharva Veda lesson of love, harmony, sweetness and unity in each family :

मा भ्राता भ्रातरं द्विक्षन्मा स्वसारमुत स्वसा ।
सम्यज्चः सव्रता भूत्वा वाचं वदत भद्रया ॥
– अथर्ववेद ३/३०/३

Let no brother hate his brother,
Let no sister hate her sister,
Mayest thou speak and behave
With harmony and sweetness,
Mayest thou be unanimous
With one accord.
- Atharva Veda 3/30/3

How fine ideal of family concord is set in following mantra of Atharva Veda

अनुव्रतः पितुः पुत्रो मात्रा भवतु संमनाः ।
जाया पत्ये मधुमतीं वाचं वदतु शुन्तिवाम् ॥२॥
– अथर्ववेद ३/३०/२

May son follow
The footsteps of his father,
May he have unity of mind

With his mother
May wife talk to her husband
In gentle words, as sweet as honey.
- Atharva Veda 313012

Unlike Bible God, who Himself declares in Bible that He has come to create rift in families, Vedic God declares in Atharva Veda that He has bound all men with common bond, so all should sit together, eat together, drink together and pray together.

समानी प्रपा सह वोऽन्नभागः समाने योक्त्रे सह वो युनज्मि ।
सम्यञ्चोऽग्निं सपर्यतारा नाभिमिवाभितः ॥
– अथर्ववेद ३/३०/६

Let your drinking place be common
Let the share of your food be common,
I bind you together
With common bond;
Just as all spokes (rods) of a wheel
Are united at its hub
From all directions,
So should you remain united
To pray together to glorious God.
- Atharva Veda 3/30/6

Vedic religion ordains men to remain united having common minds, common aims and objects, and common goal.

सङःगच्छध्वं वदध्वं सं वो मनांसि जानताम् ।
देवा भागं यथा पूर्वे सज्जानाना उपासते ॥
– ऋग्वेद १०/१९१/२

March together, speak together
Let your minds be united,
Like sages of yore, being of one mind,
Accept your share of fortune.
- Rig Veda 10/19/12

Vedic God, unlike Biblical God, urges men to assemble on common platform to think together, plan together and work together with one aim, one object, one purpose, one mind, one intention, one determination, one mode, one goal and one destination.

समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी समानं मनः सह चित्तमेषाम् ।
समानं मन्त्रमभि मन्त्रये वः समानेन वो हविषा जुहोमि ॥
– ऋग्वेद १०/१९१/३

May your counsel be common,
May you belong to one fraternity,
May your minds move
With one accord.

May your hearts work in harmony
For one goal.
May you be inspired
By common ideal.
May you offer worship
With common oblation
- Rig Veda 10/191/3

समानी व आकूतीः समाना हृदयानि वः ।
समानमस्तु वो मनो यथा वः सुसहासति ॥
– ऋग्वेद १०/१९१/४

May you resolve
With one accord.
May your hearts be in unison
May your thoughts be harmonious,
So that you may live together
With happiness and hilarity.
- Rig Veda 10/191/4

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□The world is not prepared to listen to the philosophy, however sublime, of the weak.□

- Guruji M.S. Golwalkar

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4
BIBLICAL GOD IS WRATHFUL, VEDIC GOD IS BENEVOLENT FRIEND

1. BIBLICAL GOD IS WRATHFUL

(i) Blood oozed and flowed upto level of horse bridles The New Testament states that Biblical God□s angel threw his sickle into the earth with force, collected the vine of the earth and threw it into the winepress of the **wrath of God**. Consequently the blood oozed and flowed from the winepress upto the level of horse bridles throughout the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. Here is the text :

18. □19. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.□

- Revelation, 14/19

19. □20. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.□

- Revelation, 14/20

2. VEDIC GOD IS BENEVOLENT FRIEND

Holy Vedas state that God is kind to all, cruel to none. He bestows bliss on all alike, whether high or low, virtuous or sinner. He is the most gracious, the most merciful and the most benign friend of all.

स न इन्द्र शिवः सखा ।
– *ऋग्वेद ८/९३/३*

He, the resplendent Lord
Is our benign and benevolent friend.
- Rig Veda 8/93/3

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"Mark me, then and then alone you are a Hindu, when the very name sends through you a galvanic shock of strength. Then and then alone you are a Hindu, when every man who bears the name, from any country, speaking our language or any other language, becomes at once the nearest and the dearest to you. Then and then alone you are a Hindu, when the distress of anyone bearing that name comes to your heart and makes you feel as if your own son were in distress."

- Swami Vivekananda

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5
MERCY BY YEDIC GOD, MASSACRE BY BIBLICAL GOD
1. MERCY BY VEDIC GOD

Pro. F. Max Muller states with firm conviction :

> *"The Vedas, I feel convinced, will occupy scholars for centuries to come, and we take and maintain for ever, its position as the most ancient of books in the library of mankind."*

- Prof. F. Max Muller

Holy Vedas state that Supreme Being is benevolent Father of all. All beings of the universe irrespective of caste, colour and creed, enjoy the bliss of His unfathomable mercy and grace. He bestows bliss and showers mercy on sinners even

यो मृळयाति चक्रुषे चिदागो वयं स्याम वरुणे अनागाः ।
अनु व्रतान्यदितेर्ऋधन्तो यूयं पात स्वस्तिभिः सदा नः ॥
– *ऋग्वेद ७/८७/७*

Providence showers mercy
On the most heinous sinners even
May we be sinless
Before Merciful God !
And endeavour to rise high
By following the universal laws
Of the Eternal Almighty.
- Rig Veda 7/87/7

According to Holy Vedas, Creator of the cosmos is benign Father of all creatures. Father never harms his children. He may scold his children but never destroys them. God Almighty, being

beneficent Father of all His children, never hurts and harms them. He is ocean of mercy which is showered on all equally and impartially. He pours His benign bliss, bounty and benediction on all beings. It is His grace, greatness, grandeur and glory.

यएङःग दाशुषे त्वमग्ने भद्रं करिष्यसि ।
तवेत्तत्सत्यङिःगरः ॥
– ऋग्वेद १/१/६

Oh Loving Lord
It is Thy divine grace and glory
Grandeur and truthfulness
That Thou bestowest
Thy bliss and benediction
On Thy devotees.
- Rig Veda 1/1/6

2. MASSACRE BY BIBLICAL GOD

(i) Biblical God massacred all first-born babies

At midnight God killed all the first-born babies, both human and animal, in the land of Egypt.

> **20. "29. And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle."**
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> *- Exodus , 12/29*

Colin Maine, the renowned Welsh writer (now settled in Australia), states fearlessly :

> *"If we examine the Bible-both Old and New Testaments-we find that the Bible god is more of a sadistic monster than a god of love. If he were to appear on earth as a human being, he would most likely be incarcerated in a mental hospital as a dangerous psychopath."*[43]
>
> **- Colin Maine**

James Anthony Foude opines :

> *"I will not, I must not believe that the all just, all merciful, all good (Christian) God can be such a Being as I find Him there (in the Bible) described."*[44]
>
> **- James Anthony Foude**

(ii) Biblical God killed the Jews by sending "*fiery serpents*"

> **21. "6. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died."**
>
> *- Numbers, 21/6*

What was their offence ? They spoke against the Lord and against Moses.

(iii) Biblical God got the Jews swallowed alive by the earth

22. “32. And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them (the Jews) up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Ko□rah, and all their goods.”

- Numbers, 16/32

23. “33. They (the Jews), and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them ; and they perished from among the congregation.”

- Numbers, 16/33

What was their offence ? Because they gathered themselves and spoke against Moses and Aaron.

(iv) Biblical God burnt alive 250 Jews

Biblical God burnt alive 250 Jews in fire because of their only fault that they offered incense.

24. “35. And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men (of Israel) that offered incense.”

- Numbers, 16/35

(v) Biblical God threatens to kill children of Jews by wild beasts

25. “22. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.”

- Leviticus, 26/22

(vi) Biblical God killed 70,000 Jews by pestilence

26. “14. So the Lord sent pestilence upon Israel; and them fell of Israel seventy thousand men.”

- I Chronicles, 21/14

(vii) Biblical God killed 50,070 men for looking into His box

27. “19. And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark (box) of the Lord, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men ; and the people lamented, because the Lord had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.”

- I Samuel, 6/19

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“In the service no distinction should be made between man and man. We have to serve all, be he a Christian or a Muslim, or a human being of any other persuasion; for calamities, distress and misfortunes make no such distinction but afflict all alike. And in serving to relieve the sufferings of man, let it not be in a spirit of condescension or mere compassion, but in the true spirit of our dharma of surrendering our all in the humble service of Lord who abides in the hearts of all beings.”

- Gururji M.S. Golwalkar

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Footnotes:

[43] **Colin Maine** : *The Bible, What It Says*, reprinted by Voice of India, New Delhi, 1985, p. 6

[44] **N.S. Rajaram** : *Christianitys Collapsing Empire and Its Designs in India*, New Delhi. 1999, p. 15

6
BIBLE PRESCRIBES DEATH PENALTY, VEDAS PREACH REFORMATION

1. BIBLICAL VERDICT OF DEATH PENALTY

The Holy Bible prescribes death penalty by stoning for a number of offences, sometimes trivial. Rocks were hurled at the victim, until he or she became a bloody pulp, and the mass of flesh ceased to move. This horrible method of execution was carried out in Europe for several years in the past.

(i) Death penalty by stoning for blasphemy

> **28. 16. And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him;**
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> *- Leviticus, 24/16*

(ii) Death penalty for straying near Tabernacle

> **29. 51. And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the 1Avites shall set it up; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.**
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> *- Numbers, 1/51*

(iii) Death penalty for not observing holiday (sabbath)

Sabbath means a day of the week set aside for religious worship and rest from work, usually Saturday among the Jews and Sunday among the Christians. Holy Bible ordains the Christians to observe holiday (holy day), a day of rest for God. He who falls to observe, will be put to death.

> **30. 14. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you; every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall he cut off from among his people.**
>
> *- Exodus, 31/14*

> **31. 2. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord; whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.**
>
> **- Exodus, 35/2**

In *Exodus*, the reason given for observing seventh day as a day of rest is, because God made

the heavens and the earth in six days, and rested on the seventh day."

It is a human being, not God, who gets fatigued on account of continuous work for six days, and needs rest on the seventh day. God Almighty is Omnipotent. To say that He rested on the seventh day, as if He was fatigued and exhausted, amounts to blasphemy. Thus the above vese in Exodus degrades God to the position of frail human being.

(iv) Death penalty for disobeying parents

Here is the most inhuman and the most brutal Biblical law which authorises parents, the father and the mother, to bring their own son to the elders of the city to get him stoned to death, for trivial fault of disobedience and stubbornness. Read the following four verses :

> **32. "18. If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:"**
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> *- Deuteronomy, 21/18*
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> **33. "19. Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;"**
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> *- Deuteronomy, 21/19*
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> **34. "20. And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard."**
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> *- Deuteronomy, 21/20*
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> **35. "21. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die; so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear."**
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> *- Deuteronomy, 21/21*

No civilized state will approve of and enact the aforementioned brutal Biblical laws. In fact the Church was, is and will be the enemy of civilization. The Church and civilization are antipodes to each other. Ms **Matilda Joslyn Gage** corroborates the statement in the following words :

> *"The church and civilization are antipodal; one means authority, the other freedom; one means conservatism, the other progress; one means the rights of God as interpreted by the priesthood, the other the rights of humanity as interpreted by humanity. Civilization advances by free thought, free speech, free men."*[45]
>
> **- Matilda Joslyn Gage**

(v) Death penalty for cursing parents

> *36. "And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death."*
> **- Exodus, 21/17**

(vi) Death penalty for homosexuality

> **37. "13. If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."**

- Leviticus, 20/13

(vii) Death penalty for sexual intercourse with a woman during her menstruation period

> **38. □18. And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he bath discovered her fountain, and she bath uncovered the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.□**

- Leviticus, 20/18

(viii) Death penalty for loss of virginity

The Holy Bible prescribes capital punishment by stoning for loss of virginity in the following two verses :

> **39. □20. But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel;□**

- Deuteronomy, 22120

> **40. □21. Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father□s house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die; because she bath wrought folly in Isreal, to play the whore in her father□s house; so shalt thou put evil away from among you.□**

- Deuteronomy, 22/21

(ix) Death penalty for adultery

> **41. □10. And the man that committeth adultery with another man□s wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour□s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.□**

- Leviticus, 20/10

Jesus Christ in Matthew 5/17 endorses the afore-mentioned first seven laws of death penalty prescribed by Moses in the following words :

> **42. □17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.□**

- Matthew, 5/17

If the above mentioned Biblical verdicts of death penalty are carried out strictly in modern Europe, a great portion of the population of the Western world would be put to death. In modern permissive society, there are not many virgins around. In the Western countries there are millions of people who do not observe holiday for going to the Church. Now-a-days the Church premises are being sold in Europe. In modern scientific era, thousands of educated rationalists in Europe and America have started questioning the unscientific and undemocratic teachings of Holy Bible. If the above verdicts of death penalty are applied seriously to such rationalists, the population of the Western world will surely decrease to a large extent.

(x) Death penalty for disobeying leaders of the Church

Clement, the Bishop of Rome from 90-100 C.E., argued that God alone rules all things, that He lays down the law, punishing rebels and rewarding the obedient, and that His authority is delegated to Church leaders. Clement went as far as to say that whoever disobeys these divinely ordained authorities has disobeyed God Himself and should receive the death penalty.[46]

Even in the beginning of the twentieth century, **Pope Leo XIII** argued that the ends justified the means. He said :

> *The death sentence is a necessary and efficacious means for the Church to attain its end, when rebels act against it.*[47]

- Pope Leo XIII

2. VEDAS PREACH REFORMATION

Holy Vedas, unlike Holy Bible, do not formulate hard and fast laws for each offence. This task is left to the legislature. If religious books legislate laws, and those are carried out, the existence of legislature will be nullified and there will be no need to elect the members of legislature. Vedas never say that criminals should not be punished. But to a man of common sense, death sentence prescribed by Holy Bible appears to be too big a punishment for too small an offence like not observing a holiday. However, Vedic approach to the criminals or sinners is reformative and constructive. Holy Vedas admonish us not to look down upon those who have spoiled and stained their life on account of sins or crimes. Indeed they are the wretched souls. But they ought not to be despised, discouraged and denounced. They are to be pitied upon rather than hated. They deserve compassion and kindness. They should be reformed, elevated and encouraged to shun vice and lead virtuous life in future. Uplift the fallen and forlorn is the slogan of Vedic religion. Vedic philosophy urges upon reformative and constructive approach.

उत देवा अवहितं देवा उन्नयथा पुनः ।
उतागश्चक्रुषं देवा देवा जीवयथा पुनः ॥
– ऋग्वेद १०/१३७/१

Ye enlightened men,
Uplift once more
The fallen and forlorn Lowly and forlorn
Ye illustrious men,
Raise him who has sinned
And degraded himself,
Restore him to life again.
- Rig Veda 10/137/1

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The Hindu culture is the life-breath of Hindusthan. It is therefore clear that if Hindusthan is to be protected, we should first nourish the Hindu culture. If the Hindu culture perishes in Hindusthan itself, and if the Hindu society ceases to exist, it will hardly be appropriate to refer to the mere geographical entity that remains as Hindusthan. Mere geographical lumps do not make a nation.

- Dr. K.B. Hedgewar

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BIBLE DENIGRATES WOMEN, VEDAS ELEVATE THEM

1. DENIGRATION OF WOMEN IN BIBLE

(i) Biblical God curses all women

The women have been belittled, humiliated and denigrated by the following verse of the Holy Bible, in which Biblical God has cursed all women that He will multiply their sorrow and they will endure pain of child-birth and that their husbands shall rule over them because of their no fault but that of their first grandmother Eve eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Will any educated woman believe in and approve of being ruled by her husband as declared by Biblical God in Bible ? Here is the relevant verse :

> **43. 16. Unto the woman he (God) said, 1 will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**
>
> *- Genesis, 3/16*

That is why in nineteenth century some Christian priests opposed the use of anesthetics at the time of child-birth on the plea that it would amount to the transgression of the so called divine will under which woman must endure pain of child-birth. It was only when Queen Victoria had anestheties at the time of her child-birth, that it was allowed to be used commonly. In this connection **Bertrand Russell**, the renowned philosopher, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1950, writes :

> *One occasion for the logical intervention to prevent the mitigation of human suffering was the discovery of anaesthetics.* ***Simpson*** *in 1847 recommended their use in child birth, and was immediately reminded by the clergy that God said to Eve (Bible, Genesis, III: 16) : In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children.*
>
> **- Bertrand Russell**

Christian priests condemn birth control. In their opinion, women are machines to produce more and more children to increase the population of their co-religionists. **Bertrand Russell** states :

> *Most of clergymen condemn birth control None of them condemns the brutality of a husband who causes his wife to die of too frequent pregnancies. I knew a fashionable clergyman whose wife had nine children in nine years. The doctors told him that if she had another she would die. Next year she had another and died. No one condemned,. he retained his benefice and married again.*[48]
>
> **- Bertrand Russell**

The second century **St. Clement** of Alexandria wrote :

Every woman should be filled with shame by the thought that she is a woman.[49]

- St Clement

Lutherans at Wittenberg debated whether women were really human beings at all.[50]

(ii) Woman was created for man, not man for woman

The New Testament states that originally man did not spring from woman, but woman was made out of man, and that woman was not created for woman's sake, but for the sake of man.

44. 8. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

- I Corinthians, 11/8

45. 9. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

- I Corinthians, 11/9

In 1977, Pope Paul VI explained :

Women were barred from the priesthood because our Lord was a man.[51]

- Pope Paul VI

(iii) Christ is the head of man, but not of woman

The New Testament states that the head of every man is Christ, but he is not the head of woman. She is headed by man, not Christ. It indicates that woman does not enjoy equal status according to Holy Bible. Here is the relevant text :

46. 3. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

- I Corinthians, 11/3

(iv) Women must remain under domination of men

The New Testament ordains women to remain under domination of men. They should not teach, nor usurp authority over men, but to remain in silence with all subjection. Read the following five verses :

47. 11. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

- I Timothy, 2/11

48. 12. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to he in silence.

- I Timothy, 2/12

49. 13. For Adam was First formed, then Eve.

- I Timothy, 2/13

50. 14. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

- I Timothy, 2/14

51. 24. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

- Ephesians, 5/24

When Christian monks in the fourth century hacked the great scholar **Hypatia** to death with oyster shells, **St. Cyril** explained that it was because she was an iniquitous (wicked) female who had presumed, against Gods commandments, to teach men.[52]

Elizabeth Cady Stanton observes :

I know of no other book (barring the Bible) that so fully teaches the subjection and degradation of woman.

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton

(v) Submission of wives to husbands

Again the New Testament declares that God considers it as fit and proper that wives should submit themselves to their own husbands. Here is the text :

52. 18. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own Husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

- Colossians, 3/18

It is a matter of agony and amazement that the State has played the role of agent and slave of the Church in subjugation of woman. In this connection Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage, an American writer, states :

The State, agent and slave of the Church, has so long united with it in suppression of womans intelligence, has so long preached of power to man alone, that it has created an inherited tendency, an inborn line of thought toward repression.[53]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

Dante (1265-1321), the greatest poet of Italy, continuously fought against the political aggression of the Papacy. In this connection, **John Bond**, the noted American journalist, writes

*The great poet **Dante**, a thoroughly orthodox Catholic, consistently fought against the political aggression and against the wild claims of the Papacy. Consequently he was driven into perpetual exile and condemned to be burnt until dead in case of capture. His famous book exposing the falsity of the Papal pretences in the forum of reason and history was ordered burned by the public hangman. A Roman cardinal of that day issued an order to open Dante k tomb and have the body tied to the stake and given to the flames as that of a heretic. The order was never executed because the friends of the great poet interfered.*[54]

- John Bond

(vi) Women not permitted to speak in Churches

According to law laid down in the New Testament, women are not permitted to speak in Churches. If they want to learn any thing, they may ask their husbands at home, for it is a matter of shame for women to speak in the Church. Here is the Biblical text in this connection :

53. “34. Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.”

- I Corinthians 14/34

54. “35. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.”

- I Corinthians. 14/35

Will the educated women believe in and approve of the above text ? If not, let them raise voice emphatically.

The women in England were not permitted to read the Holy Bible for a long time. In this connection **Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage** writes :

“For a long period after the reformation, English women were not permitted to read the Bible, a statute of the Eighth Henry prohibiting “women and others of low degree” from its use.”[55]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

(vii) Woman, not man, must cover her head during prayer

The New Testament admonishes men not to cover their heads while praying, but for women the admonition is different. They should cover their heads during prayer. The Holy Bible further ordains that if a woman does not cover her head during prayer, she dishonours her head and looks as if she is shaven. The next Biblical command for a woman is more strict. It says that if a woman does not cover her head, while praying, let her be shorn. But if she feels ashamed to be shorn or shaven, then let her cover her head. Let us read the following three verses in this matter :

55. “4. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.”

- I Corinthians, 11/4

56. “5. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head; for that is even all one as if she were shaven.”

- I Corinthians, 11/5

57. “6. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn; but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.”

- I Corinthians, 11/6

(viii) Test for unfaithful wife by making her drink bitter water

Holy Bible prescribes test for faithless wife as under : “If a wife is suspected of faithlessness by her husband, she will be brought before the priest. The priest will put her to test by making her drink water, which causes curse. If the woman is defiled and has committed the sin of having sexual intercourse with the man other than her husband, the water will make her belly swell and her thigh shall rot.” Here is the text :

58. 20. But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband;

- Numbers 5/20

59. 21. Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The Lord make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the Lord doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;

- Numbers, 5/21

60. 22. And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot; And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

- Numbers, 5/22

61. 27. And when he bath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot; and the woman shall be a curse among her people.

- Numbers, 5/27

Why did Biblical God not institute similar test for unfaithful husband ? The above four verses indicate the partiality of Biblical God and injustice to women. When will the women awaken from sound slumber and raise their strong protest against their denigration and humiliation in the name of religion ?

(ix) Does woman have a soul ?

Not only the Church, but also the State denied that woman possesses a soul. **Matilda Joslyn Gage** writes :

As early as the sixth century a council at Macon (585) fifty-nine bishops taking part, devoted its time to a discussion of this question, Does woman possess a soul ? Until time of Peter the Great, women were not recognized as human beings in that great division of Christendom known as the Greek church, the census of that empire counting only males, or so many souls -no woman named. Traces of this old belief have not been found wanting in our own country within the century. As late as the Woman s Rights Convention in Philadelphia, 1854, an objector in the audience cried out : Let women first prove they have souls; both the Church and the State deny it. [56]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

(x) Biblical law of divorce humiliates woman

Biblical law of divorce renders sheer injustice and atrocity to a woman. According to Holy Bible, if a husband is displeased with his wife, he can divorce her instantly, simply by giving a letter of divorcement in her hand and asking her to get out of his house. But Holy Bible does not authorise a wife to divorce her husband. The Holy Bible renders another injustice to a woman by making a law that if the divorced wife becomes another mans wife, and if he too hates her and divorces her in the same manner, she cannot go back to her former husband, because **she is defiled**. The Holy Bible emphatically states that such re-marriage of twice-divorced wife with previous husband is **abominable before God**, and the land where such re-marriage takes place commits **sin**. Read the

following four verses in this connection :

62. "1. When a man bath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she rind no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house."

- Deuteronomy, 24/1

63. "2. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife."

- Deuteronomy, 24/2

64. "3. And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;"

- Deuteronomy, 24/3

65. "4. Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance."

- Deuteronomy, 24/4

(xi) Could a Christian husband release himself from marriage bond by killing his wife ?

Ms. Matilda Joslyn Gage, one of the renowned researchers of America, authoritatively answers the above question in affirmative. She states :

"An examination of history proves that in Christian Russia as in Christian England the husband could release himself from the marriage bond by killing his wife, over whom under Christian law he had power of life and death. Her children, as to-day in Christian England and America, are not under her control; she is to bear children but not to educate them, for as under Catholic and Protestant Christianity, women are looked upon as a lower order of beings, of an unclean nature."[57]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

George W. Foote opines :

"It will yet be the proud boast of woman that she never contributed a line to the Bible."[58]

- George W. Foote

Helen Gardner states :

"Women are indebted today for their emancipation from a position of hopeless degradation, not to their religion nor to Jehovah, but to the justice and honor of the men who have defied his commands. That she does not crouch today where St. Paul

tried to bind her, she owes to the men who are grand and brave enough to ignore St. Paul, and rise superior to his God.[59]

- Helen Gardner

2. ELEVATION OF WOMEN IN VEDAS

Despite antiquity of Vedas, they preach the most modern and the most progressive thoughts. Woman enjoys high position at home as well as society according to Vedas. Both man and woman enjoy equal rights. For husband and wife, Vedas make mention of one word दम्पति which means two masters of one house. Not only husband, but also his wife is equal owner of the house. Both enjoy the same prestige, power and position. None is subordinate to the other. To say that wife is servant or slave to husband is not okayed by Vedas. The performance of **yajna** is considered to be complete only when both husband and wife sit together. Woman enjoys the same right as man, to study and preach the sublime philosophy of Vedas.

According to Vedic religion, marriage is a union of two souls enjoying constant peace and prosperity at home. It entitles woman to enjoy permanent safety, security, serenity and sovereignty at home. Marriage is not a temporary social contract which can be broken at any time at the whim and caprice of either party. In accordance with Vedic religion, marriage ensures woman to be the wife and mistress at the house for full span of life of a hundred years. When Aryan bride-groom brings his newly-wedded bride to his house, he addresses her at the time of her first entrance in her house as under

प्रबुध्यस्व सुबुधा बुध्यमाना दीर्घायुत्वाय शतशारदाय ।
गृहान् गच्छ गृहपत्नी यथासो दीर्घं त आयुः सविता कृणोतु ॥
– अथर्ववेद १४/२/७५

Remain awake
As intelligent and alert woman
Enjoying full life of a hundred years.
Enter the house as its ideal mistress,
May the Creator bestow on thee
Long life.
- Atharva Veda 14/2/75

Wedding ceremonies performed in accordance with Vedic religion bind the bride and bride-groom in spiritual ties of love and liberty, equality and integrity, purity and piety. They become one soul living in two bodies. Nuptial relations guaranteed by Vedic religion are based on spiritualism rather than materialism, love rather than lust. The following *mantra* in which bride-groom addresses his bride at the time of wedding, categorically illustrates the inseparable union between the two :

अमोऽहमस्मि सा त्वं सामाहमस्म्यृक् त्वं द्यौरहं पृथिवी त्वम् ।
ताविह सं भवाव प्रजामा जनयावहै ।
– अथर्ववेद १४/२/७१

I am what thou art
Thou art what I am,
I am the psalm
And thou art the verse,
I am the heaven
And thou art the earth,

May we live together
To produce progeny.
- Atharva Veda 14/2/71

The hand that rocks the cradle, can rock the entire nation. History is a witness that fall of huge empires has been, to a great extent, due to degradation of women-folk. The first inspiring teacher of man is his mother who shapes his future and makes his destiny. Nation is made of individuals who owe their rise to the teachings of their mothers. Hence progress of nation depends upon the development of women. They are the truest builders of the nation. That is why an Aryan mother announces with pride and privilege in the following *mantra* of Rig Veda that she is glory of her nation, prop of her society and pillar of her community

अहं केतुरहं मूर्धाहमुग्रा विवाचनी ।
ममेदनु ऋतुं पतिः सेहानाया उपाचरेत् ॥
– ऋग्वेद १०/१५९/२

I am the banner
I am the head
I possess excellent eloquence;
My husband co-operates with me
And follows my will.
- Rig Veda 10/159/2

That is why Shri Manu, the first apostle of equality, liberty and fraternity in the world, held the women in high esteem. According to him woman enjoys loftier position than that enjoyed by man. It is woman who elevates and exalts the nation. He speaks of honoured and exalted status of woman in his following utterance :

यत्र नार्यस्तु पूज्यन्ते रमन्ते तत्र देवताः ।
– मनु

The enlightened souls enjoy life with ecstasy
Where women are honoured.
- Manu

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□Christianity has failed to stem the tide of materialism in their own countries ! Though a great number of Christian missionaries are working here to convert our men, the Christian countries themselves are going further and further away from Christ. Nowadays, very few people attend the church there. Churches present a haunted look. In fact, some of them are being kept for sale ! It only means, that some other philosophy, more comprehensive and capable of satisfying the modern mind, of meeting the many complex challenges of present times and importing spiritual content to their life, has bec6me necessary. The present trend in those countries points to Hinduism as their future refuge.□

- Guruji M.S. Golwalkar

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OBSCENE EPISODES IN BIBLE, MORAL CODE OF CONDUCT IN VEDAS

1. OBSCENE EPISODES IN BIBLE

(i) Noah drank wine and remained naked

The Holy Bible states that **Noah**, the hero of righteousness, drank wine, and was so much intoxicated that he made himself naked in his tent. **Ham**, the son of Noah, saw the nakedness of his father and informed his two brothers **Shem** and **Japheth**, who took a garment and covered the nakedness of their father. Here is the text :

66. □20. And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.□

- Genesis, 9/20

67. “21. And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.”

- Genesis, 9/21

68. “22. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.”

- Genesis, 9/22

69. “23. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father’s nakedness.”

- Genesis, 9/23

70. “24. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.”

- Genesis, 9/24

71. “25. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.”

- Genesis, 9/25

(ii) Reuben’s sexual intercourse with his father’s concubine

72. “And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father’s concubine; and Israel heard it.”

- Genesis, 35/22

(iii) Onan’s sexual intercourse with his brother’s wife

Holy Bible mentions that Judah instructed his son Onan to marry (have sexual intercourse with) his elder brother’s widow **Tamar** and produce children in the name of his brother (not in his name). Onan did not like that the children produced by his sperm might be called the progeny of his brother; hence he slept with his brother’s widow, had sexual intercourse with her, but spilled his sperm (semen) on the ground, because he did not want to produce children out of his sperm for his brother. This action on the part of Onan displeased Biblical God, and the Lord killed him. Here is the text :

73. “8. And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother’s wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.”

- Genesis, 38/8

74. “19. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother’s wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.”

- Genesis, 38/9

75. 10. And the thing which he did displeased the Lord; wherefore he slew him also.

- Genesis. 38/10

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, the famous orator and statesman of U.S.A., who popularised the criticism of the Bible on the basis of a humanistic philosophy and scientific rationalism, observes :

> *The believers in the Bible are loud in their denunciation of what they are pleased to call the immoral literature of the world, and yet few books have been published containing more moral filth than this inspired word of God.* [60]

- Col. Robert G. Ingersoll

(iv) Judahs sexual intercourse with his widowed daughter-in-law

The Holy Bible states that when **Tamar**, the widowed daughter-in-law of **Judah** came to know that her father-in-law was to go to Timnath to shear his sheep, she put off her widows garment, wrapped herself in veil and sat on the way to Timnath. When Judah saw her, he, not knowing that she was his widowed daughter-in-law, requested her to allow him to have sexual intercourse with her. She said to him. What will you give me for having intercourse with you ? Judah replied, I shall send one kid out of flock of my goats. She said, Till you send the kid to me, you may keep with me your tokens like signet (seal), bracelets and your staff (stick) which is in your hand. Judah gave these things to her and had sexual intercourse with her, and she conceived by him. Read the Biblical text :

76. 13. And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

- Genesis, 38/13

77. 14. And she put her widows garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath;

- Genesis, 38/14

78. 15. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.

- Genesis, 38/15

79. 16. And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

- Genesis, 38/16

80. 17. And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?

- Genesis, 38/17

81. 18. And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and

thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

- Genesis, 38/18

(v) Biblical God caused his prophet Isaiah to walk stark naked for three years

Holy Bible narrates that God caused his prophet Isaiah to walk stark naked for three years. The Lord said that it was a sign for the people of Egypt and Ethiopia, and the king of Assyria will heap the same type of shame upon Egypt by displaying the Egyptian and Ethiopian prisoners, young and old, naked and barefooted, even with **their buttocks uncovered**. Read the following three verses :

82. 2. At the same time spake the Lord by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

- Isaiah, 20/2

83. 3. And the Lord said, Like as my servant Isaiah bath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

- Isaiah, 20/3

84. 4. So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian prisoners, and the Ethiopian captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

- Isaiah, 20/4

Count Tolstoy, the renowned Russian writer and thinker, opines unambiguously :

The very foundations of this religion (Christianity) admitted by all and formulated in the Nicene creed, are so absurd and immoral, and run so counter to right feeling and to commonsense, that men cannot believe in them.[61]

- Count Tolstoy

On February 22, 1901, **Leo Tolstoy** was proclaimed an enemy of the Church and was ex-communicated[62] on account of his candid statements about Christianity. He wrote :

With me, life makes religion, religion does not make life.[63]

- Leo Tolstoy

(vi) Castration recommended by Jesus Christ

85. 12. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb; and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men; and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

- Matthew, 19/12

The early Christians faithfully carried out the afore-mentioned divine injunction. A Christian sect in Russia long practised castration as an act of obedience to Christ's command.[64]

Origen, (c. 185-c. 254), the most influential theologian of the early Greek church, castrated himself so as to work freely in instructing female catechumens.[65]

(vii) The daughters□ sexual intercourse with their father

The two daughters of **Lot**, who was the nephew of prophet **Abraham**, made their father drink wine at night, slept with him, had sexual intercourse with him and gave birth to two male children by their father. The elder daughter gave birth to a son named **Moab**. He is called the father of Moabites till today. The younger daughter gave birth to a son by her father. He was named **Benammi**. He is called the father of the children of Ammon till today. Here is the full text consisting of seven verses :

> **86. □32. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.□**
>
> *- Genesis, 19/32*
>
> **87. □33. And they made their father drink wine that night; and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.□**
>
> *- Genesis, 19/33*
>
> **88. □34. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father; let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.□**
>
> *- Genesis, 19/34*
>
> **89. □35. And they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.□**
>
> *- Genesis, 19/35*
>
> **90. □36. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.□**
>
> *- Genesis, 19/36*
>
> **91. □37. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.□**
>
> *- Genesis, 19/37*
>
> **92. □38. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-am-mi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.□**
>
> *- Genesis, 19/38*

If the readers peruse chapter 19 of **Genesis** fully, they will come to know that Lot was not one of those whom Biblical God abhorred. He was dearer and nearer to God. That is why God, being merciful to him, saved him by bringing him and his family out of the city through two angels,

before the city was destroyed by God.

Here some questions arise : Do the educated Christians of modern civilized era approve of and believe in the afore-mentioned verses which narrate sexual intercourse of daughters with their father ? If they don□t, why do they not raise voice against the said immorality and incest and compel the Pope to delete this text from the Holy Bible ? Why do they not openly profess that they dislike the said text ? Why do they say that each verse of Bible is holy and true ? How do they claim that Bible contains all the answers to all the problems of life ? They call the non-Christians as infidels, but actually an infidel is he who pretends to believe in what he does not actually believe. **Thomas Paine**, the famous thinker and innovator, expresses the same idea. He says :

> □*I do not mean by this declaration to condemn those who believe otherwise; they have the same right to their belief as I have to mine. But it is necessary to the happiness of man, that he be mentally faithful to himself Infidelity does not consist in believing, or in disbelieving; it consists in professing to believe what he does not believe.*□[66]

- Thomas Paine

Ronald Reagon, the President of the United States, who had power to control the weapons that could obliterate all life on earth, once remarked about Holy Bible as under :

> □*Within the covers of that single book, are contained all the answers, to all the problems that we face today.*□[67]

- Ronald Reagan

Almost all educated persons, who read the above verses regarding sexual intercourse of the two daughters with their father, will surely scoff at Ronald Reagan□s above remark.

(viii) Lot offers his two daughters to a riotous mob of sodomites

Lot, the nephew of prophet **Abraham**, offers his two daughters to a riotous mob of homosexuals in order to save two angels who visited him.

> **93. □8. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes; only unto these men (two angels) do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.□**

- Genesis, 19/8

(ix) The prophet Abram□s illicit connection with maid servant

Holy Bible states that **Abram□s** wife **Sarai** was barren. So she gave her Egyptian maid, **Hagar**, to her husband Abram to be his wife. When the Egyptian maid conceived, Sarai felt that she was despised in the eyes of her maid, so she (Sarai) drove her to wilderness with the consent of Abram. Hagar gave birth to a son named **Ishmael**. At that time Abram was 86 years old. Read the following five verses :

> **94. □3. And Sarai Abram□s wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.□**

- Genesis, 16/3

> **95. □4. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she**

had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.□

- Genesis, 16/4

96. □5. And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee; I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes; the Lord judge between me and thee.□

- Genesis, 16/5

97. □6. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.□

- Genesis, 16/6

98. □16. And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.□

- Genesis, 16/16

Is it morality that Abram, the prophet, debauches his maidservant and later on drives her along with the child produced by her of him, to wilderness ?

Count Tolstoy, the renowned Russian writer and thinker, remarks :

□Really no religion has ever preached things so evidently incompatible with contemporary knowledge or so immoral as the doctrines preached by Church Christianity.□[68]

- Count Tolstoy

(x) The prophet Abram marries his sister

The Holy Bible states that Abimelech, the king of Gerar, took away Sarai, the wife of the prophet Abram, and kept her in his palace. Abram, the prophet, himself admitted to king Abimelech that Sarai, his wife, was his sister, the daughter of his father. Read the following verse :

99. □12. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.□

- Genesis, 20/12

(xi) Abram, the prophet, barters his wife□s honour

Holy Bible mentions that when Abram, the prophet, along with his wife Sarai went to Egypt, he said to his wife, □You look beautiful; when the Egyptians will see you, they will kill me and will allow you to remain alive, hence you may announce that you are my sister. In this way I shall be saved.□ Here is the text

100. □11. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon;□

- Genesis, 12/11

101. □12. Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife; and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.□

- Genesis, 12/12

102. □13. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister; that it may be well with we for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.□

- Genesis, 12/13

When the princes (officers) of Pharaoh saw Sarai, they commanded her before the king Pharaoh, and she was taken into Pharao□s palace. The king Pharaoh kept Sarai in his palace and pleased Abram by giving him gifts of sheep, oxen, asses, camels, male servants and maidservants. Thus the prophet Abram passed on his beautiful wife Sarai, calling her as his sister, to Pharaoh and allowed her to remain in his royal palace by receiving in return the afore-mentioned gifts. The readers are advised to peruse the last ten verses of chapter 12 of Genesis to understand this episode fully. However for the sake of brevity, here two verses are cited :

103. □15. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commanded her before Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh□s house.□

- Genesis, 12/15

104. □16. And he entreated Abram well for her sake; and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.□

- Genesis, 12/16

The Holy Bible continues saying that when God plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues, he (Pharaoh) sent her back to her husband, Abram, who, however did not seem to have returned the gifts which he had received from the king.

The prophet Abram played the same trick with Abimelech, the king of Gerar, and received from him the gifts of sheep, oxen, male-servants, maidservants and one thousand pieces of silver. Here is the Biblical text

105. □14. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.□

- Genesis, 20/14

106. □16. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, 1 have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver;□□□

- Genesis. 20/16

Joseph Lewis, the president of Free Thinkers of America and the editor of □The Age of Reason□, writes :

□The writers of Bible had slight concern for the principles of morality. They were more concerned with rape, murder robbery, slavery, licentiousness, brutal ignorance and derogatory superstition. If the ministers of the Gospel are too dense and stupid to realise the moral mischief resulting from the perverse teachings of the Bible, then it is about time to bring them to their senses.□[69]

- Joseph Lewis

(xii) Abandonment of women was a covenant with God!

The Holy Bible mentions abandonment of women and their children, and it is called a covenant with God ! Will the feminists of the world like it ? Will women of the globe approve of it ? Here is the verse :

> **107. □3. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them□□□**
>
> *- Ezra, 10/3*

(xiii) David locked up ten concubines

> **108. □3. And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.□**
>
> *- II Samuel, 20/3*

(xiv) Moses : Keep alive virgins for your enjoyment and kill non-virgins

The Holy Bible states that Moses, one of the towering figures in Bible, instructed his soldiers to kill all boys and all those girls who had lost their virginity by sleeping with males, but to keep alive for their enjoyment those virgins, who did not have sexual intercourse with males. Read the following five verses :

> **109. □17. Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that bath known man by lying with him.□**
>
> *- Numbers, 31/17*

> **110. □18. But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.□**
>
> *- Numbers, 31/18*

> **111. □32. And the booty, being the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep.□**
>
> *- Numbers, 31/32*

> **112. □35. And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.□**
>
> *- Numbers, 31/35*

> **113. □40. And the persons were sixteen thousand; of which the Lord□s tribute was thirty and two persons,□**
>
> *- Numbers, 31/40*

The afore-mentioned verses indicate that thirty two thousand virgins were captured as booty and distributed among the congregation and the Lord.

Mark Twain, the great American humorous writer, throws light on the above passage as under :

> “*Their naked privacies were probed to make sure they had the hymen intact. After this humiliation, they were sent away from the land that had been their home, to be sold into slavery; the worst of slaveries; bed slavery; to excite lust and satisfy it with their bodies; slavery to any buyer, be he gentleman, or be he coarse and filthy ruffian. (Letters From the Earth)*”[70]
>
> **- Mark Twain**

While commenting upon the afore-mentioned five verses, **Thomas Paine**, the great thinker of America, remarks :

> “*Among the detestable villains that in any period of the world have disgraced the name of man, it is impossible to find a greater than Moses, if this account be true. Here is an order to butcher the boys, to massacre the mothers, and debauch the daughters.*”[71]
>
> **- Thomas Paine**

Charles Smith, the editor of “The Truth-Seeker”, states wrathfully :

> “*Which is the wrose, the Old or the New Testament ? If bad books are burned, the largest bonfire should consist of Bibles.*”[72]
>
> **- Charles Smith**

(xv) Sale of daughters for sexual gratification

Will the members of Human Rights Commission approve of sale of daughters as mentioned in the following verses of Holy Bible ?

> **114. “7. And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.”**
>
> *- Exodus, 21/7*

> **115. “8. If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed; to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he bath dealt deceitfully with her.”**
>
> *- Exodus, 21/8*

One must question to Christian missionaries : Is woman like a toy ? As long as you enjoy sexual satisfaction, you may keep her with you, but when she ceases to satisfy you sexually, you may throw her ! Is it morality ? No civilized states would tolerate such infamy.

The Britishers often boasted that they were the civilized nation for centuries. Will they dare deny that sale of daughters was practised in England for seven hundred years, after the introduction of Christianity ? **Ms. Matilda Joslyn Gage**, renowned American writer, corroborates the above statement as under

> “*While the sale of daughters was practiced in England for seven hundred years after the introduction of Christianity, we note that by the ancient law of India, a father was*

forbidden to sell his daughter in marriage, or receive the smallest present there for In mediaeval England the daughter was held as a portion of the father property to be sold to the highest bidder.[73]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

(xvi) Killing male enemies, and marrying their females

Holy Bible allows and justifies killing of male enemies, then marrying their beautiful females from among the captives, and abandoning them later on if such captive wives do not give sexual satisfaction. Here are five Biblical verses in this connection :

116. 10. When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the Lord thy God bath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive.

- Deuteronomy, 21/10

117. 11. And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife;

- Deuteronomy, 21/11

118. 12. Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails;

- Deuteronomy, 21/12

119. 13. And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month; and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

- Deuteronomy, 21/13

120. 14. And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will;

- Deuteronomy, 21/14

Can it be called marriage or rape ? No civilized man will approve of marrying captive women by force and throwing them away when they cease to give sexual satisfaction.

Here is another passage in Holy Bible, which allows and justifies killing all male enemies, and taking away their women folk for sexual gratification

121. 13. And when the Lord thy God bath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:

- Deuteronomy, 20/13

122. 14. But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself., and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

- Deuteronomy, 20/14

Note : □Spoil of war□ means plundering of the possessions (including women and children) of enemies in war after they are killed.

With all this, the Christian missionaries claim that only the religion of Christ and Holy Bible will lead men and women to moral progress. The readers, after having read the afore-mentioned instances, will themselves judge whether the religion of Christ and Holy Bible will lead men and women to moral progress or retrogress. In this connection the remark of **Bertrand Russell**, the renowned philosopher, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1950, is worth quoting. He says :

> □*The Christian religion as organised in its Churches has been and still is the principal enemy of moral progress in the world.*□[74]

- Bertrand Russell

Thomas Paine, one of the founders of the U.S.A., opines :

> □*Whenever we read the obscene stories, the voluptuous debaucheries, the cruel and torturous executions, the unrelenting vindictiveness, with which more than half the Bible is filled, it would be more consistent that we called it the word of a demon; than the word of God. It is a history of wickedness, that has served to corrupt and brutalise mankind,- and, for my own part, I sincerely detest it, as I detest everything that is cruel.*□[75]

- Thomas Paine

2. MORAL CODE OF CONDUCT IN VEDAS

Holy Vedas consist of complete moral code of conduct for men and women of the world. It is not possible to cite here all instances. If the readers want to acquire Vedic knowledge in toto, they are advised to go through my book □*Philosophy of Vedas*□ authored by me in 1982.

Holy Vedas, being practical guide to mankind, emphasise upon pure and pious life full of pure and pious deeds.

शुद्धाः पुता भवत यज्ञियासः ।
— *ऋग्वेद १०/१८/२*

Be pure and pious
O worshippers !
- Rig Veda 10/18/2

Purity is the key of spiritual treasure. It elevates and exalts man. Prayer without purity is as useless as body without soul. Not only purity of body, but that of mind is required. He who is pure and pious in thoughts, words and deeds, can alone tread on path of spiritualism. Those who are pure within and without, hold the passport to enter the kingdom of God. Vedas emphasise upon piety and purity. Hence man should pray to Providence not for personal power, position and prestige, but for purity and piety.

जातवेदः पुनीहि मा ।
— *यजुर्वेद १९/३९*

May the omniscient Lord
Make me pure and pious.
- Yajur Veda, 19/39

Vedic message is divine message which inspires and elevates man, exalts and uplifts him, invigorates and ennobles him, infuses and enthuses him to soar high to achieve immortal bliss. Vedic philosophy admonishes us never to descend but to ascend and ascend to sublime thoughts and deeds. Holy Vedas precept us to live with dignity

उद्यानं ते पुरुष नावयानं जीवतुं ते दक्षतातिं कृणोमि ।
आ हि रोहेमममृतं सुखं रथमथजिर्विर्विदथमा वदासि ॥
– अथर्ववेद ८/१/६

O man, elevate thyself,
Ascend high, do not descend low,
I endow thee
With vigour and wisdom
To live with dignity.
Come, enter the divine chariot Of immortal bliss,
And impart thy knowledge
To assembly of people.
- Atharva Veda 8/1/6

Prof. Emerson, the American essayist and poet, states :

Vedas exalt our life. All philosophies and science of Europe appear insignificant before Vedas. All men of the earth must return to Vedas.

- Prof. Emerson

Prof. Pall Thema, the great thinker of the West, appreciates Holy Vedas in the following words :

The Vedas are noble documents, documents not only of value and pride to India but to the entire humanity, because in them we see man attempting to lift himself above the earthly existence.

- Prot Pall Thema

Holy Vedas condemn and criticise lustful life in the form of unrestrained looseness in sex. To indulge in sexual conjugation with wife of another person is nothing but immorality and intemperance, debasement and debauchery, lewdness and lechery. The lewd and lecherous man as well as woman is not entitled to participate in yajna according to Rig Veda :

मा शिश्नदेवा अपि गुर्ऋतं नः ।
– ऋग्वेद ७/२१/५

The licentious persons are not fit
To participate in yajna.
- Rig Veda 7/21/5

He who indulges in debauchery loses his energy and strength, vision and vitality, memory and manliness, dignity and decorum. His age is tremendously reduced. **Shri Manu** corroborates the statement as under

नहीदृशमनायुष्यं लोके भवति किंचन ।
यादृशं पुरुषस्येह परदारोपसेवनम् ।
— *मनु ४/१३४*

In the world,
There is no other sin,
Which reduces age so quickly
As that of sexual intercourse
With wife of another man.
- Manu, 4/134

Vedas therefore emphasise upon purity and piety, chastity and sanctity of body and mind which enables us to lead healthy life full of healthy thoughts and healthy deeds to serve God and guide, father and mother, saints and seers, country and community. This is the only way to enjoy life and gain admiration and immortality.

भद्रं कर्णेभिः श्रृणुयाम देवा भद्रं पश्येमाक्षभिर्यजत्राः ।
स्थिरैरङःगैस्तुष्टुवांसस्तनूभिर्व्यशेम देवहितं यदायुः ॥
— ऋग्वेद १/८९/८

Ye enlightened pious souls,
May we hear with our ears
What is good,
May we see with our eyes
What is good,
May we enjoy
Full span of our life
With pure limbs and pure body
And full satisfaction of mind
In the service of supreme Lord.
- Rig Veda 1/89/8

Holy Vedas emphasise on upliftment and elevation of all beings. The good of an individual lies in cumulative progress of all persons. That is why Vedic religion precepts man to purify not only himself but also others.

वैश्वदेवीं वर्चस आ रभध्वं शुद्धा भवन्तुः शुचयः पावकाः ।
अतिक्रामन्तो दुरितो पदानि शतं हिमाः सर्ववीरा मदेम ॥
— अथर्ववेद १२/२/२८

Begin to lead pure life
To attain universal splendour,
Purify thyself,
And make others pure,
Cross over the troublesome paths
Along with all heroes,
And live cheerfully
For a hundred autumns.
- Atharva Veda 12/2/28

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Bharat is one nation with only one culture. Culture is the soul of Bharat. It is only our culture that can protect and develop Bharat.

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

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BIBLE : TORTURE NON-BELIEVERS, VEDAS : LOVE ALL

1. BIBLE : TORTURE NON-BELIEVERS

(i) Torture non-believers, but don't hurt trees

> *123. "4. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."*

- Revelation, 9/4

According to Holy Bible, the value of a man's life is less than that of the grass, and the trees !

(ii) Don't kill non-believers, but torture them

> **124. "5. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man."**

- Revelation, 9/5

Thomas Jefferson, the third President of America, admits candidly :

"*It is between fifty and sixty years since I read the Apocalypse (Revelation), and I then considered it merely the ravings of a manac.*"[76]

- Thomas Jefferson

Joseph Lewis, President of "*Free Thinkers of America*" and editor of "*The Age of Reason*", states :

"*The Bible is not a divine revelation from God. It is not inspired; on the contrary, it is a wicked book .... It has been responsible for more suffering and torture than any other volume ever printed*..."[77]

- Joseph Lewis

Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage, an American writer, states

"*Boiling heretics and malefactors alive, commonly in oil but occasionally in water, was practised throughout Europe until a comparatively late period.*"[78]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

According to **James A. Haught**, Pope Innocent IV authorised torture in 1252 A.D. to eradicate heresy. The efforts to eradicate heresy led to the establishment of the Holy Inquisition. He states :

> "*Efforts to stamp out heresy led to the establishment of the Holy Inquisition, one of mankind's supreme horrors. In the early 1200s, local bishops were empowered to identify, try, and punish heretics.... Pope Innocent IV authorized torture in 1252, and the Inquisition chambers became places of terror.... Swiss historian* ***Walter Nigg*** *recounted : "The thumbscrew was usually the first to be applied : The fingers were placed in clamps and the screws turned until the blood spurted out and the bones were*

crushed. The defendant might be placed on the iron torture chair, the seat of which consisted of sharpened iron nails that could be heated red-hot from below. There were the so-called "boots", which were employed to crush the shinbones. Another favorite torture was dislocation of the limbs on the rack or the wheel on which the heretic, bound hand and foot, was drawn up and down while the body was weighted with stones. So that the torturers would not be disturbed by the shrieking of the victim, his mouth was stuffed with cloth. Three-and-four-hour sessions of torture were nothing unusual. During the procedure the instruments were frequently sprinkled with holy water."[79]

- James A. Haught

Lord Acton, himself a Catholic, wrote in the late 1800s:

"The principle of the Inquisition was murderous… The popes were not only murderers in the great style, but they also made murder a legal basis of the Christian Church and a condition of salvation."[80]

- Lord Acton

2. VEDAS : LOVE ALL

The divine knowledge of Holy Vedas dawned on four Rishis, named **Agni, Vayu, Aditya** and **Angira** directly from the Creator of the cosmos. **Schopenhour**, the renowned German scholar, admits candidly :

*"This goes to confirm the popular belief that the Vedas are eternal and not answerable to any human agency and that they emanated from **Brahm**, the creator himself."*

- Schopenhour

Holy Vedas believe in brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God. According to Vedic philosophy, all men of the earth are brothers to one another. God is the kind Father of all. In the eyes of the Lord none is superior or inferior. He treats all alike bestowing divine bliss and benediction on all, irrespective of caste, colour and creed. Vedic religion is based on universal brotherhood. The philosophy of Vedas revolves round fraternity and equality of all men of the globe. All men have equal rights on the earth. All belong to Nature and Nature belongs to all. If Nature is kind to all, why should men hate one another on the pretext of difference of religion ? Holy Vedas. therefore, emphatically urge all men of the earth to love one another from the core of their hearts.

अन्यो अन्यमभि हर्यत वत्सं जातमिवाघ्न्या ।
— *अथर्ववेद ३/३०/१*

Love one another
As cow loves her new-born calf.
- Atharva Veda 3/30/1

In the year 1869 a Frenchman, **Louis Jacolliot**, who had been a chief judge in Chandernagore (erstwhile French India) wrote a book, "La Bible dans I'Inde", in French which was translated the following year into English. Jacolliot had said

"Land of ancient India
Cradle of humanity, hail
Hail ! revered motherland,

Whom centuries of brutal invasions
Have not yet buried
Under the dust of oblivision.
Hail ! Fatherland of faith,
Of love, of poetry and of science,
May we hail a revival of thy past
In our Western future ! [81]

-Louis Jacolliot

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It behoves us all to lovingly devote ourselves with all our heart, with all our wealth and even with our lives, to the good of our country, the land of our birth, the land that nourishes us and will sustain us in future.

- Swami Dayanand Saraswati

Mother and Motherland are dearer than heaven itself. Gods and cows, Brahmins and the faith, these are to be protected. When faith is dead, death is better than life.

- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

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10
BIBLE PREACHES ATROCIOUS INTOLERANCE, VEDAS PREACH FRATERNITY

1. BIIBLE PREACHES ATROCIOUS INTOLERANCE

(i) Kill your own brother and son, if they entice you to serve other gods

Holy Bible ordains : Kill your own brother, son, daughter, wife, if they entice you to serve other gods. Here are five Biblical verses in this connection :

125. 6. If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly,

saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;□

- Deuteronomy, 13/6

126. □7. Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;□

- Deuteronomy, 13/7

127. □8. Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him;□

- Deuteronomy, 13/8

128. □9. But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.□

- Deuteronomy, 13/9

129. □10. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he bath sought to thrust thee away from the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.□

- Deuteronomy, 13/10

The above verses indicate categorically that Holy Bible does. not allow freedom of thought as well as freedom of worship. It is a matter of agony and amazement that Holy Bible ordains a father to kill his own daughter, son, wife for a difference of religion !

H.G. Wells, the renowned English novelist, who was father of modern science fiction, opines candidly :

□You can no more trust a devout Catholic in your household and in your confidence than you can risk frankness or association with a Nazi spy.□[82]

- H.G. Wells

Thomas Paine, the great thinker and religio-political reformer of America, opines :

□Of all the systems of religion that ever were invented, there is none more derogatory to the Almighty, more unedifying to man, more repugnant to reason, and more contradictory in itself, than this thing called Christianity.□[83]

- Thomas Paine

Roman emperor **Constantine**, a man **who had his own son executed and his wife boiled alive,**[84] saw in Christianity a pragmatic means of bolstering his own military power and uniting the vast and troubled Roman Empire.[85]

One cannot restrain oneself from shuddering at the wickedness of the man who commits atrocity and ascribes it to the command of God ! Is it not sheer blasphemy to tarnish the holy name of God by unholy deeds ? **Thomas Paine** corroborates the point

□People in general know not what wickedness there is in this pretended work of God.... it is a book of lies, wickedness, and blasphemy,. for what can be greater blasphemy than to ascribe the wickedness of man to the orders of the Almighty ?□[86]

- Thomas Paine

(ii) Kill all non-believers of your town

Holy Bible says : □If any man or woman in your town serves and worships other gods, like the sun, the moon etc. which God has not commanded, kill them with stone□. Here is the Biblical text consisting of four verses :

130. □2. If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that bath wrought wickedness in. the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his covenant,□

- Deuteronomy, 17/2

131. □3. And bath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;□

- Deuteronomy, 17/3

132. □4. And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel;□

- Deuteronomy, 17/4

133. □5. Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.□

- Deuteronomy, 17/5

St. Bernard of Clairvaux had declared in launching the Second Crusade :

□The Christian glories in the death of a pagan, because thereby Christ himself is glorified.□[87]

- St. Bernard

(iii) Slaughter of infants and ripping of pregnant women

Holy Bible states in □*Hosea*□ that infants of Samaria shall be dashed into pieces, and pregnant women shall be ripped up.

134. □16. Samaria shall become desolate; for she bath rebelled against her God; they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.□

- Hosea, 13/16

(iv) Killing infants by stoning

Should the infants be dashed against stones, even if they are born of enemies ? Not at all. But Holy Bible makes mention of it in the following verse :

> **135. “9. Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.”**
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> *- Psalms, 137/9*

Note : Here “*thy*” stands for daughter of Babylon.

(v) Peaceful citizens of Laish massacred

Holy Bible narrates that the descendants of Dan assaulted Laish, massacred its peaceful citizens and burnt the city :

> **136. “27. And they (children of Dan) took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.”**
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> *-Judges, 18/27*

(vi) Kill each being that breathes

Holy Bible ordains the followers not to save alive any one in the cities conquered by them. Each one that breathes must be slaughtered. Here is the text :

> **137. “16. But of the cities of these people, which the Lord thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth;”**
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> *- Deuteronomy, 20/16*

2. VEDAS PREACH FRATERNITY

Holy Vedas preach fraternity and equality of all men of the earth. When Nature treats all equally, why should men discriminate and quarrel with one another ?

Oxygen and Hydrogen combined in proper proportions will surely produce water, whether the person who combines Oxygen and Hydrogen, is Hindu or Muslim or Christian. When a person feels hungry, is it Hindu hunger or Muslim hunger or Christian hunger ? It is human hunger. You have to put forth efforts to satisfy the hunger. When a person is slain in communal riot, his blood spills on the ground, can you identify the blood as Hindu blood or Muslim blood or Christian blood ? It is human blood. When an orphan sheds tears at the loss of his parents in communal riots, can you label the tears as Hindu tears or Muslim tears or Christian tears ? These are tears of a human child.

The sun illuminates all places whether it is cottage or castle, whether it is a Hindu residence or a Muslim residence or a Christian residence. The rose gives equal fragrance to all, Hindu as well as Muslim, Christian as well as Jew. **If Nature imparts equal treatment to all, why does man discriminate ? William Wordsworth**, the famous poet of English literature, expresses the same view when he laments :

> “If this belief from heaven be sent
> If such be nature’s holy plan
> Have I no reason to lament
> What man has made of man?”
>
> *- Wordsworth*

If birds flock together, ants crawl together, sheep move together, cows graze together, why can’t human beings live together ?

The Creator of the Cosmos has created the lovely earth with fascinating phenomena of nature and beautiful boons for enjoyment of mankind. But instead of enjoying life in toto on this alluring earth, men have created chaos, conflicts, controversies and calamities on the petty pretext of different modes of worship. They do not know what worship means. Worship does not consist of rites and rituals, nor of uttering and muttering of prescribed religious syllables only. According to Hindu philosophy, worship signifies love - love for not only human beings but also birds and beasts. **Samuel Coleridge** expresses the same idea in his poem, ‘*Ancient Mariner*’ :

“He prayeth well, who loveth well,
Both man and bird and beast,
He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.
- Samuel Coleridge

Vedas emphasise that souls of all men, birds, beasts and insects have the same Divine lustre. None is devoid of Celestial grace, grandeur and glory. **All beings originate from the Supreme Being who is the Father of all His children. If it is so, why to despise one another ?** Providence permeates all beings, whether high or low, pauper or prince, sinner or saint

सऽओतः प्रोतश्च विभूः प्रजासु ।
– यजुर्वेद ३२/८

“He, the All-pervasive
Pervades all beings
Within and without.”
- Yajur Veda 32/8

He wo comprehends the afore-mentioned golden doctrine of omnipresence of Almighty, and realises glimpse of God in all beings of the earth, never hates any creature. He whose eyes look at all persons as equal brothers having same Celestial spark, which he feels in his own self, is free from malice, hatred and fanaticism. The following *mantra* of Yajur Veda illustrates the idea :

यस्तु सर्वाणि भूतान्यात्मन्नेवानुपश्यति ।
सर्वभूतेषु चात्मनं ततो न वि चिकित्सति ।।
– यजुर्वेद ४०/६

“He who sees all beings
In his own self
And finds the reflection
Of his own self in all beings
Never looks down upon any body.”
- Yajur Veda 40/6

Thus, Hindu Philosophy (Vedic Philosophy) hinges on equality and fraternity. It is based on universal brotherhood - brotherhood of not Hindus only but all human beings of the earth, because all hearts are the abodes of Almighty

ईश्वर सर्वभूताना हृद्देशेऽर्जुन तिष्ठति ।

– गीता १८/६१

O Arjuna
Supreme Being dwells
In the hearts of all creatures.
- *Gita 18/61*

Prof. Heeren, the renowned Western scholar, writes :

The Vedas stand alone in their solitary splendour serving as beacon of divine light for the onward march of humanity.

- Prof. Heeren

Lord Morley admits unambiguously :

What is found in Vedas, exists nowhere else.

- Lord Morley

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Solution of worlds problems lies in Hinduism and not in socialism.

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

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BIBLICAL GOD DEMANDS SACRIFICE OF ANIMALS, VEDIC GOD SAVES DUMB ANIMALS

1. BIBLICAL GOD DEMANDS SACRIFICE OF ANIMALS

(i) Biblical God demands sacrifice of cattle from Israels children through Moses

138. 1. And the Lord called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

- Leviticus, 1/1

139. "2. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, if any man of you bring an offering unto the Lord, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock."

- Leviticus, 1/2

(ii) Sprinkling of bullock's blood on the altar

140. "5. And he shall kill the bullock before the lord; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."

- Leviticus, 1/5

2. VEDIC GOD SAVES DUMB ANIMALS

Holy Vedas teach that souls of all men, birds, beasts and insects have the same divine lustre. None is devoid of celestial radiance. All men, birds and beasts originate from the same Supreme Being who is kind Father of all His children. If it is so, why to slay dumb animals, which are brothers and sisters of men ?

Man is so frail and feeble creature that he cannot grant life to any one. He who cannot give life, has no right to take it. The tongue-tied dumb animals, who are unfailing friends and faithful companions of man in weal and woe, are so ungratefully slaughtered by faithless flesh-eaters just to fill their stomach and by superstitious sacrificers to make an offering at the altar of God ! How can God, being Father of all creatures, wish the slaughter and sacrifice of His children ? He, who demands animal sacrifice, must not be real God !

Vedic God admonishes all men of the earth to love not only human beings, but also birds and beasts. To slay innocent dumb animals is the most heinous sin, which can never be pardoned under any circumstances.

अनागोहत्या वै भीमा ।
– अथर्ववेद १०/१/२९

It is the greatest sin
To slay the innocent animals.
-Atharva Veda 10/1/29

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"The cow happens to be the archstone of Bharat's economy."

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

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12
VEGETARIANISM IN VEDAS, FLESH-EATING IN BIBLE

1. VEGETARIANISM IN VEDAS

Vegetarianism is the pivot round which Vedic philosophy revolves. According to Vedas, flesh-eating is strictly prohibited. It is not only unnatural food, but also detrimental to body and soul.

Man is vegetarian by nature. He is herbivorous and graminivorous, not carnivorous. Flesh-eating

does not suit his body and nature. Those animals which are carnivorous like lion, wolf etc; are given by nature sharp teeth and claws in order to enable them to cleave the flesh with sharp claws and cut the same with sharp teeth. But human teeth are blunt, fit for fruits, grains and vegetables. Human intestines are different from those of carnivorous animals. The intestines of human body cannot digest properly flesh of animals. The intestines of those men who are flesh-eaters are generally weak. Those who are addicted to flesh-eating generally fall victim to diseases like cancer, gastric ulcers, paralysis, high blood-pressure, indigestion, gas trouble, heart-trouble, kidney trouble etc. The flesh-eaters no longer enjoy longevity. The germs that stick to the slaughtered animals are being devoured by flesh-eaters with the result that they fall victim to those diseases in which the slaughtered animals were involved. Tuberculosis is the most common disease among animals especially cattle. Besides, flesh-food consists of unexcreted waste material of the butchered animal. When animal is slaughtered, the decomposing cells and partly oxidized waste matter, which are normally in the blood and tissues of muscles, are left in the flesh. Moreover, when the excretion and circulation of the slaughtered animal are suddenly stopped, the muscle cells which still live for some hours, continue to produce animal poison; and since there is no circulation to throw it out, it accumulates in the meat which is swallowed by man. Thus man invites diseases through flesh-eating.

Diet produces great effect on man's temperament. Non-vegetarian food makes man lustful, revengeful, wrathful, fierce, furious, ferocious, hardhearted, savage, brutal and barbarian; while vegetarian diet makes him kind, cool, compassionate, contented, soft, sober, civil and serene. Flesh-eater's heart is as hard as stone, while vegetarian's heart is as soft as velvet. Flesh-eater's brains is like a furnace full of flames. Vegetarian's brains is like a fountain from where pleasant jets of cool water spring forth. Flesh-eater believes in violence, destruction and devastation; while vegetarian believes in non-violence, construction and creation. His heart throbs with warmth of selfless love for all fellow-creatures.

He who slaughters tongue-tied dumb creatures, who are faithful friends of men, in prosperity as well as adversity, just to fill his stomach, commits the most heinous sin

> अनागोहत्या वै भीमा कृत्ये मा नो गामश्वं पुरुषं वधीः।
> *– अथर्ववेद १०/१/२९*

> Oh violent man
> It is the most heinous sin
> To kill the innocent creatures,
> Kill not our cows
> Our horses and our men.
> *- Atharva Veda 10/1/29*

2. FLESH-EATING IN BIIBLE

Holy Bible does not forbid flesh-eating. According to Bible, one can eat the flesh of ruminating animals, which have cloven (cleft or cracked) hoof and chew the cud.

> **141. "3. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat."**
>
> *- Leviticus, 11/3*

The swine has cloven (cleft) hoof, but it does not chew the cud, hence its flesh is forbidden :

> **142. "7. And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you."**
>
> *- Leviticus, 11/7*

Among the animals living in the waters, one can eat the flesh of the animal having fins and scales :

143. 9. These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever bath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

- Leviticus, 11/9

Among the fowls and creepers, one can eat the flesh of those birds and four-footed creepers which can leap upon the earth with their legs and feet :

144. 21. Yet these may ye cat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

- Leviticus, 11/21

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Those who slaughter the animals should be looked upon as enemies of the whole human race.

- Swami Dayanand Saraswati

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13
HUMAN SACRIFICE IN BIBLE NON-VIOLENCE IN VEDAS

1. HUMAN SACRIFICE IN BIBLE

(i) Human beings etc. once offered for sacrifice, will surely be killed

Biblical God gives clear-cut law governing human sacrifice in the Holy Bible saying whatever is offered to God, whether it is human being or animal or field, cannot be sold, reclaimed or recovered, it belongs to God. If an offering of a human being is made to God, the man, who is offered to God for sacrifice, cannot be reclaimed and recovered, *i.e.* he cannot be redeemed and rescued. He shall surely be sacrificed at the altar. In other words, he shall surely be killed as an offering to God. Read the following two verses :

145. 28. Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the Lord of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed, every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord.

- Leviticus, 27/28

146. 29. None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.

- Leviticus, 27/29

The blood sacrifice in Bible infuriated **George Bernard Shaw**, the famous playwright, critic and essayist, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1925, to such an extent that he declared fearlessly that Bible should be buried and Prayer Book should be burnt, because it is saturated with blood sacrifice beyond all possible revision. He states :

*No longer ago than the end of the nineteenth century **Stewart Headlam**, a clergyman, got into trouble with his ecclesiastical superiors by saying that what the Church needs is to bury the Bible for a hundred years, and let it then be discovered for what it really is. I cannot agree that we should bury the Bible only; we should burn the Prayer Book*

also. It is saturated with blood sacrifice beyond all possible revision; and its constant reiteration of “through Jesus Christ our Lord” grows more and more unbearable by its essential falsehood.”[88]

- George Bernard Shaw

I earnestly appeal to the educated Christians of the world to ponder over the afore-mentioned divine canon in connection with human sacrifice and give their frank opinion whether the said verses in Bible make them religious or irreligious. **George Bernard Shaw** has given his frank opinion in this connection as under :

“The Bible in its canonical aspect is not helping us; it is obstructing us and making us dangerously irreligious.”[89]

- George Bernard Shaw

(ii) Offering of all first-born babies into fire

There is a mention of “an offering of all first-born, which open the womb, into the fire” in the following verse of Holy Bible :

147. “26. And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the Lord.”

- Ezekiel, 20/26

One shudders to read that all first-born babies were thrown into fire as an offering to Biblical God !

(iii) Offering of calves and first-born human babe

Holy Bible makes mention of “burnt offerings” with calves of a year old, thousands of rams and first-born human babe, as an atonement for “the sin of soul” in the following two verses

148. “6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?”

- Micah, 6/6

149. “7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

- Micah, 6/7

(iv) Jephthah burnt his only daughter, as an offering to God

In obedience to this law of Biblical God, **Jephthah**, the victorious hero of war, burnt his daughter When Jephthah returned to his home Mizpeh, his daughter came out to receive him by playing timbrel and dancing. She was his only child. When Jephthah saw her, he tore his clothes in agnoy and said to her, “Alas ! Oh my daughter ! You have put me to trouble ! I have given a word to God. I cannot go back.” The daughter replied to her father, “If you have given a word to the Lord, do to me in accordance with your word given to God, and fulfil your vow to make an offering of me to your Lord.” Here are the two verses in this connection

150. “35. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said,

Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me; for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back.□

- Judges, 11/35

151. □36. And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which bath proceeded out of thy mouth;□□□

- Judges, 11/36

Friedrich Nietzsche, the German philosopher, opines about the Christian religion as depicted in the afore-mentioned verses as under :

□*We shall either die because of our religion, or religion will die because of us.*□[90]

- Friedrich Nietzsche

(v) David sacrificed seven sons of Saul to stop famine

There was a famine during the regime of king David for three consecutive years. David enquired of the Lord regarding the cause of famine. The Lord answered that none but **Saul** was responsible for famine, because it was he who slew the Gibeonites. The king David handed over seven children of Saul into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the hill before the Lord□□ Thereafter God stopped famine and bestowed bliss on the land. In this connection, the readers are requested to peruse all the fourteen verses of chapter 21 of II Samuel. Here I am presenting only three verses as under :

152. □1. Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.□

- II Samuel, 21/1

153. □6. Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the Lord in Gibeah of Saul, whom the Lord did choose. And the king said, I will give them.□

- II Samuel, 21/6

154. □9. And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites and they hanged them in the hill before the Lord; and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.□

- II Samuel, 21/9

Here a question arises : What offence did seven innocent children commit that they-were hanged together ? Was it justified to put them to death to stop famine ?

(vi) Biblical God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his only son

Biblical God commanded **Abraham** to sacrifice his only son **Isaac**, and Abraham was ready to take the knife to slay his son. The order was revoked, but the text of Holy Bible led later on hundreds of gullible followers to commit murder of their innocent children. I am presenting here only three relevant verses as under

155. "2. And he (God) said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."

- Genesis, 22/2

156. "10. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son."

- Genesis, 22/10

157. "13. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

- Genesis, 22/13

Will the sacrifice of the innocent dumb rain at the altar satisfy God, who is kind Father of not only men but also animals ?

2. NON-VIOLENCE IN VEDAS

Vedic religion (Hindu religion) revolves round the axis of non-violence. अहिंसा परमो धर्मः (non-violence is the supreme religion) is the motto of Vedic philosophy. Holy Vedas do not approve of violence. Sacrifice of human beings or animals at the altar or in the fire is abhorrent and abominable in Vedic religion. Vedic philosophy is based on compassion and kindness, service and sympathy. The heart of Vedic devotee always throbs with warmth of selfless love and compassion for all fellow-creatures. He cannot dream of killing any one, whether man or animal, as an offering at the altar of God. Vedic God is too compassionate to accept human sacrifice or offering of animals. **True prayer lies in love for all fellow-beings, whether men or birds or beasts. He, who loves and serves his fellow-creatures, serves God, because God dwells in the hearts of all creatures.** To slay any being who breathes on the earth amounts to slaying Supreme Being, though He is Imperishable and Invincible.

To live is to give - give what ? Love. To live is to love. To love man is to love God. Where there is love and compassion, there God dwells. If you expect mercy and love from God, love His human beings whether they are theists or atheists, black or brown, rich or poor. The mystic poet William Blake expresses the same idea in his poem, "*The Divine Image*" :

"And all must love the human form
In heathen, Turk, or Jew
Where Mercy, Love and Pity dwell
There God is dwelling too."

- William Blake

According to Hindu (Vedic) philosophy, neither violence nor warfare, but welfare of mankind is the ultimate goal of religion. That is why Hindus pray to Providence for the well-being of all men of the earth - nay, all creatures :

यदि नो गं हंसि यद्यश्वं यदि पूरुषम् ।
तं त्वा सीसेन विघ्यामो यथा नोऽसो अवीरहा ॥
– अथर्ववेद १/१६/४

If thou slayest
Our cows, horses and men,
We shall kill thee
With bullet of lead
So that thou shouldst not be
Slayer of our heroes.
- Atharva Veda, 1/16/4

Butchery of men and animals is strictly prohibited in Vedic religion. It is considered as the most heinous sin and unpardonable crime. That is why a very severe warning is given in Atharva Veda to the butcher of cows, animals and human beings :

यदि नो गं हंसि यद्यश्वं यदि पूरुषम् ।
तं त्वा सीसेन विध्यामो यथा नोऽसो अवीरहा ॥
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"Swaraj (self-rule) without cow-protection is meaningless to me."

- M.K. Gandhi

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[88] **George Bernard Shaw** : "*Everybody's Political What's What?*" Chapter XLIII, "Religious Summary", London, 1950. p. 358

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[90] **William Hubben** : "*Four Prophets of Our Destiny*", the Macmillan Company, New York, 1954, p. 104

14
STRAIN OF CANNIBALISM IN BIBLE, PURITY IN VEDAS

1. STRAIN OF CANNIBALISM IN BIBLE

Cannibalism means "the practice of eating human flesh". We find a strain of cannibalism in Holy Bible. Read the following seven verses carefully :

158. "9. And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them."

- Jeremiah, 19/9

159. “10. The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.”

- Lamentations, 4/10

160. “28. And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son tomorrow.”

- II Kings, 6/28

161. “29. So we boiled my son, and did eat him; and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him; and she bath hid her son.”

- II Kings, 6/29

162. “53. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye cat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.”

- John, 6/53

163. “53. And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God bath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee;”

- Deuteronomy, 28/53

164. “29. And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.”

- Leviticus, 26/29

2. PURITY IN VEDAS

“Return to Nature” is the motto of Holy Vedas. Vedas teach us to have natural diet, entertain natural thoughts and perform natural deeds. Unnatural food results in unnatural thoughts. Unnatural thoughts lead to unnatural deeds. Unnatural deeds bring unnatural results. That is why

Holy Vedas admonish us to lead natural life.

All ignoble deeds, odious and abominable actions and heinous crimes are the outcome of vile and vicious thoughts which originate from the mind. The mind is just like a horse whom the rider has to control by the dint of bridle. If he does not do so, the horse will go out of his control and will lead him to wrong road. That is why Vedic devotees pray to Almighty in the following mantra of Rig Veda, to lead their mind to correct path :

> भद्रं नो अपि वातय मनः ।
> *– ऋग्वेद, १०/२०/१*

> Oh God Almighty,
> Lead our mind to virtuous path.
> *- Rig Veda, 10/20/1*

It is in the interest of man that he should curb and control his mind, which is very powerful. If he does not conquer his mind, he will be conquered by it. Consequently his mind, being let loose, will do havocs by means of vicious thoughts and his whole life will be ruined. That is why Vedic devotees pray to Supreme Being to endow their mind with pure thoughts.

> यज्जग्रतो दूरदैति दैवं तदु सुप्तस्य तथैवैति ।
> दूरङ्गमं ज्योतिषां ज्येतिरेक तन्मे मनः शिवसङ्कल्पमस्तु ॥
> *– यजुर्वेद, ३४/१*

> This mind of mine
> Which travels too far
> Which is light of lights
> Which wanders to far-off places
> Whether I am asleep or awake,
> May resolve to do
> What is good and pure.
> *- Yajur Veda, 34/1*

Salvation of soul is also impossible without purity and piety. Hence Holy Vedas teach us to lead pure and pious life by means of natural diet, natural thoughts and natural deeds.

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“My quarrel with missionaries is that they think no religion other than Christianity is true.”

- M.K. Gandhi

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15
UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE IN BIBLE, SWEETNESS OF TONGUE IN VEDAS

1. UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE IN BIBLE

(i) Use of the word “bastard” for non-believers

According to Holy Bible, those who do not endure hardships of life treating them as a punishment from God are bastards, and not sons. The New Testament states, “Whatever hardships and difficulties you endure, treat them as a punishment from Father. Who is the son whom Father does

not chastise to chasten ? If you are not chastised, you are then bastards, and not sons.□ It means those who consider Christ as their Father and endure the hardships treating them as a punishment by Father for chastening, are real sons of the Father, while others are **bastards**.

165. □7. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?□

- Hebrews, 12/7

166. □8. But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.□

- Hebrews, 12/8

(ii) Use of the word □dogs□ for men

The New Testament states that Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, □Beware of dogs and evil workers□□□ Is it parliamentary language ? Does it behove a saint to use the word □dog□ for the man, whose ideology is different ? Read the passage as it is :

167. □2. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.□
- Philippians, 3/2

Saint Paul, who was the main promoter of Christianity in early days, was beaten thrice with stripes and rods by the Jews and stoned too for his afore-mentioned swear Words (obscene words). He admits in the New Testament as under :

168. □24. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.□
- II Corinthians, 11/24

169. □25. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned,□□□

- II Corinthians, 11/25

2. SWEETNESS OF TONGUE IN VEDAS

Holy Vedas preach □*purity of speech*□ and □*sweetness of tongue*□. Loving and affectionate heart pours sweetness through its tongue wherever it goes. By the dint of sweet words one can conquer thousands of hearts. Thus little tongue can achieve big results. It elevates man to honoured position, when it makes use of honeyed words. It degrades man to the lowest position of shame and meanness, when it bursts into vile words. Vedas give message of love, peace and sweetness. Sweetness of tongue may be compared to an ambrosia or soothing balm, which possesses healing power. It can heal the wounds. Bitter words may be compared to a poison which kills, or a fire which bums. Sweetness of tongue costs nothing but buys everything. By spending nothing, it buys and befriends hundreds of hearts. It transforms f6e into friend and pessimist into optimist. It works wonders and achieves miracles. Here is Vedic prayer elucidating the same point

जिह्वाया अग्रे मधु मे जिह्वामूले मधूलकम् ।
ममेदह क्रतावसो मम चित्तमुपायसि ॥
– अथर्ववेद १/३४/२

May the tip of my tongue
Be sweet as honey,

May the root of my tongue
Be sweet as honey,
O Supreme Sovereign of sweet world,
May all my deeds
Be full of sweetness, May my mind
Be full of sweetness

- Atharva Veda 1/34/2

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□Culture is basically social in character. It is through culture that the soul of a society manifests itself. It is through *Dharma* that culture functions.□

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

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16
UNSCIENTIFIC TEACHINGS IN BIBLE, SCIENTIFIC TRUTH IN VEDAS

1. UNSCIENTIFIC TEACHINGS IN BIBLE

(i) The sky has windows

The sky is nothing but a vacuum. It does not have windows. But Holy Bible states that the windows of sky were opened

170. □11. In the six hundredth year of Noah□s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the Mountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.□

- Genesis, 7/11

No scientist will agree to the above text.

(ii) The earth has foundations, pillars and four corners!

According to Biblical Geography (Social Science), the earth has foundations, pillars and four corners ! Read the following three verses :

The Earth has foundations :

171. □5. Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.□

- Psalms, 104/5

The Earth has pillars :

172. □8□□ for the pillars of the earth are the Lord□s, and he bath set the world upon them.□

- I Samuel, 2/8

The Earth has four corners :

173. □1. And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.□

- Revelation, 7/1

(iii) The sun, not the earth, moves !

Joshua commanded the sun to standstill and not the earth. This is Biblical Science ! The following passage indicates that Joshua stops the sun and the moon :

> **174. 13. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.**

- Joshua, 10/13

All the educated people of the world know today that the sun never moves, it is the earth that revolves. When **Copernicus** declared this scientific truth for the first time, the clergymen raised hues and cries against the learned scientist calling him atheist, because he contradicted Holy Bible. Consequently he was humiliated and tortured. **Martin Luther**, the German religious reformer who was the founder of the Protestant Reformation, commented upon the Copernicus theory as under :

> *The fool (Copernicus) wishes to reverse the entire science of astronomy. But sacred Scripture tells us that Joshua commanded the sun to stand still, and not the earth.*

- Martin Luther

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru writes in his Glimpses of World History :

> ***Giordano Bruno**, an Italian, was burnt in Rome by the Church in 1600for insisting that the earth went round the sun.*[91]

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

James A. Haught states in his book, Holy Horrors :

> *At Alexandria in 415, the great woman scientist Hypatia, head of Alexandria Library, was beaten to death by monks and other followers of St Cyril, who viewed her science much as the church later viewed Galileos.*[92]

- James A. Haught

While commenting upon Biblical Science, **George Bernard Shaw**, the famous playwright, critic and essayist who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1925, observes :

> *Bible is hopelessly pre-evolutionary; its descriptions of the origin of life and morals are obviously fairy tales; its astronomy is terracentric; its notions of the starry universe are childish; its history is epical and legendary: in short, people whose education in these departments is derived from the Bible are so absurdly misinformed as to be unfit for public employment, parental responsibility, or the franchise.*[93]

- George Bernard Shaw

In modern scientific era, educated Christian missionaries feel ashamed to give any publicity to the afore-mentioned verse of the Holy Bible.

In spite of the fact that Holy Bible is replete with erroneous and unscientific statements, the

Christians claim that it is authority on each and every matter of the earth and anything can be proved from the Holy Book. In this connection **Thomas Paine**, great thinker of American Revolution, observes :

It has often been said that anything may be proved from the Bible, but before anything can be admitted as proved by the Bible, the Bible itself must be proved to be true; for if the Bible be not true, or the truth of it be doubtful, it ceases to have authority, and cannot be admitted as proof of anything. [94]

- Thomas Paine

Antonio Fogazzaro, the renowned Italian novelist, observes :

The Catholic Church, calling herself the fountain of truth, today opposes the search after truth, when her foundations, the sacred books, the formulae of her dogmas, her alleged infallibility, become objects of research to us, this signifies that she no longer has faith in herself. [95]

- Antonio Fogazzaro

According to **George Bernard Shaw**, the fundamentalist clergymen are the worst enemies of religion, and the Holy Bible, in spite of being the work of many highly gifted authors and translators, is a jumble of savage superstitions. He states :

It is time to tell our Fundamentalists bluntly that they are the worst enemies of religion today; that Jehovah is no God, but a barbarous tribal idol,. that the English Bible, though a masterpiece of literary art in its readable parts, and, being the work of many highly gifted authors and translators, is yet a jumble of savage superstition, obsolete cosmology, and a theology presented in such an unbalanced one-sided way, that the first Christian Catholic Church forbade the laity to read the Bible without special permission. [96]

- George Bernard Shaw

According to **George Bernard Shaw**, Bible-educated man is ignoramus. He opines :

It is the Bible-educated human who is now the ignoramus. If you doubt it, try to pass an examination for any practical employment by giving Bible answers to the examiners questions. You will be fortunate if you are merely plucked and not certified as a lunatic. [97]

- George Bernard Shaw

(iv) Is disease caused by devil ?

According to Jesus, disease is caused by devil. If the devil is removed from body of sick man, he becomes all right. The New Testament of Holy Bible narrates that Jesus Christ removed devil from the body of a man in synagogue :

175. 33. And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice.

- Lake, 4/33

176. 35. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.□

- Luke, 4/35

Here is another verse indicating that disease is caused by devil, and Jesus Christ healed many patients by removing devils from their bodies :

177. □34. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.□

- Mark, 1/34

Thomas Jefferson, the third President of America, states

□The gospel history of Jesus consists of a groundwork of vulgar ignorance, of things impossible, of superstitions, fanaticism, and fabrications.□[98]

- Thomas Jefferson

(v) Can a sick be cured by priest or doctor ?

If there is any sick among you, you need not call for a physician. A true Christian calls for □the elders of the Church□; because according to Holy Bible, the elders of the Church, (not doctor) will cure the sick. Here is a precept in the New Testament :

178. □14. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;□

- James, 5/14

If the elders of the church can cure any sick man by anointing him with oil, then all hospitals must be closed, and all qualified doctors should change their profession and learn to become churchmen. Alas ! this unscientific teaching has caused innumerable deaths in the families of the illiterate gullible people.

Today educated people fully know that a disease is not caused by devil and it can be cured only by doctors, not by the elders of the church. Had the sick man been cured by □the elders of the church□, Christian missionaries would not have established hospitals with qualified doctors. Their own action in establishing the hospitals contradicts the precept of the Holy Bible.

2. SCILENTIFIC TRUTH IN VEDAS

(i) The earth, not the sun, moves

Holy Vedas, in spite of being the most ancient scriptures, are in complete harmony with modern science. **Brown**, the Western scholar, opines :

□Vedas paint the picture of scientific religion, where religion and science clap together. Vedas are based on religion, science and philosophy.□

- Brown

We find scientific truth in Yajur Veda so far as motion of the earth, (not the sun as in Holy Bible) is concerned

आयं गौः पृश्निरक्रमीदसदन् मातरं पुरः ।
पितर च प्रयन्त्स्वः ॥
– यजुर्वेद ३/६

The Earth with all its waters
Revolves round the sun.

Or

The Earth revolves
With its mother water In its orbit,
The Earth revolves
Around its father, the Sun.
- Yajur Veda 3/6

Mrs. Wheeler Willax, an eminent American writer, states:

> "*We have all heard and read about the ancient religion of India. It is the land of the great Vedas, the most remarkable works containing not only religious ideals for a perfect life, but also facts which all the science has since proved true. Electricity, Radium, Electrons, Airships, all seem to be known to the seers who found the Vedas.*"
>
> **- Mrs. Wheeler Willax**

(ii) Disease is cured by medicines, not by priest

Holy Vedas do not approve of unscientific statement that disease is caused by devils. Only illiterate superstitious people believe in such unscientific teachings. Disease is caused due to infection (bacteria virus), unhygienic diet, pollution of air and contamination of water etc.

In ancient times, even the civilised nations of the world used to seek guidance in connection with art of healing from the Hindus who were called the Aryans during the days of yore. The Western physicians have now begun to realise the detrimental reactions of allopathy. They have started appreciating the efficacy of "Nature Cure" and Ayurvedic medicines mentioned in Holy Vedas.

(iii) Nature cure

The cure of all diseases whether they are physical, mental, ethical and spiritual, lies in nature. Separation from nature results in decay and death, while communion with her brings harmony and hilarity. "*Return to Nature*" or "*Acquire knowledge of nature*" is the axis round which philosophy of Vedas revolves. Unnatural modes of medicines cause great harms. Hence Vedic religion pleads for nature cure. Elements of nature possess great powers to cure the most chronic diseases. On the surface of the earth or beneath the water, God Almighty has created most useful herbs which are panacea for all sorts of diseases. Man, being frail creature, having limited knowledge, is unaware of the precious uses of elements of nature. The diseases can be cured by water, earth, air, fire and sunshine. These are the chief elements of nature. Vedas encourage and inspire man to explore and acquire the knowledge of nature cure.

अप्स्व१न्तरमृतप्सु भेषजमपामुत प्रशस्तये ।
देवा भवत वाजिनः ॥
– ऋग्वेद १/२३/१९

Ye learned men,
Acquire knowledge of nature cure,

Beneath the waters lies fluid
That cures aft fatal diseases.
The water possesses power
To cure all maladies,
Acquire this knowledge and power
For leading life of vigour and virtues
- Rig Veda 1/23/19

Here is *mantra* of Sam Veda elucidating the advantages of the rays of the sun :

अपामीवामप स्त्रिधमप सेधत दुर्मतिम् ।
आदित्यासो युयोतना नो अहसः ॥
– सामवेद ३९७

The solar rays drive away diseases
Dispel malignant thoughts
And keep us away from sins.
- Sam Veda 397

(iv) Ayurvedic medicines

Ayurveda is the foundation stone of the ancient medical science of **Aryavarta**. It is considered by some scholars as *Upaveda* consisting of supplementary hymns illustrating the definite properties and uses of drugs and medicinal plants. The earliest description of medicinal plants and their precious uses is to be found in Rig Veda which is the oldest scripture in the world.

Bharat is an emporium of medicinal plants, herbs and shrubs. Approximately more than seventy five per cent of drugs described in the British pharmacopoeia grow in India in a state of nature. **Professor Greenish** of the London School of Pharmacy rightly remarked, "India, owing to the remarkable variations she possesses of climate, attitude and soil, is in a position to produce successfully every variety of medical herbs required by Europe."

The pharmacists and physicians of the West have now begun to realise that indigenous herbs of India penetrate and probe into the root of the disease and cure the patient permanently. It was proclaimed with confidence by the ancient Indian physicians in Vedic era. The following mantra of Rig Veda bears testimony to it

यस्यौषधी प्रसर्पथाङःगमङ्ग परुष्परुः ।
ततो यक्षमं वि बाधध्व उग्रो मध्यमशीरिव ॥
– ऋग्वेद १०/९७/१२

The medicinal herbs
Penetrate and get diffused
Into all limbs and joints of the sick
And like a sharp and strong moderator
Destroy his disease.
- Rig Veda 10/97/12

Joccolliot, the famous writer of the West, opines candidly

"Astonishing fact. The Hindu Revelation (the Veda) is of all revelations the only one whose ideas are in perfect harmony with modern science."

- Joccolliot

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Society must be moulded to truth. Truth has not to adjust itself to society.

- Swami Vivekananda

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[91] **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru** : *Glimpses of World History*, p. 279

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17
BIBLE PREACHES UNTRUTH, VEDAS PREACH TRUTH

1. BIBLE PREACHES UNTRUTH

St. Paul, the apostle of Christ, fearlessly justifies his lie (falsehood) in the New Testament by saying that if his lie (falsehood) enhances the glory and truthfulness of God, he must resort to it and he should not be judged as a sinner. Read the following verse :

> **179. 7. For if the truth of God bath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?**
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> *- Romans, 3/7*

While commenting on the above verse **Rupert Hughes**, the famous writer and philosopher, opines :

> *I do not believe telling lies for the gloy of God The Bible in itself destroys the claim of Gods omnipotence.*[99]
>
> **- Rupert Hughes**

There is another instance of promoting untruth. Biblical God himself sent an angel to be a lying spirit in the mouth of the prophets to persuade Ahab to go to Ramoth-gilead. Micaiah said, Listen to the word of God. I saw God sitting on his throne. All the angels of heaven stood by Him on his right and left. God said, Who will persuade Ahab to go to Ramoth-gilead so that he may be killed there ? Some said something, while others said other thing. In the meanwhile, a spirit came, stood

before God and said, “I will persuade Ahab.” God asked him, “How will you do so ?” The spirit replied, “I will go there and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.” God said, “You will be able to persuade Ahab, hence you may go and do so.” Thus Biblical God permitted the angel to become a lying spirit. In other words, God of Bible gave His consent to the angel to tell a lie. Here is the Biblical text

> **180. “19. And he (Micaiah) said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.”**
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> *- I Kings, 22/19*
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> **181. “20. And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.”**
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> *- I Kings, 22/20*
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> **182. “21. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him.”**
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> *- I Kings, 22/21*
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> **183. “22. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.”**
>
> *- I Kings, 22/22*

G.W. Foote and **J.M. Wheeler** state in their book, “*Crimes of Christianity*” as under :

> *“During many centuries, indeed for more than a thousand years, the Christian Church lied for the glory of God without shame or compunction. Whatever promoted its reputation and power was deemed both necessary and honourable. Frauds were praiseworthy, if they were pious; and in the words of Mosheim, those who wished to shine forth most eminently as true Christians “deemed it a pious act to employ deception and fraud in support of piety.” ”*[100]
>
> **- G.W. Foote and J.M. Wheeler**

Rupert Hughes, famous writer and philosopher of the West, states

> *“I quit (going to Church) because I came to believe that what is preached in the churches is mainly untrue and unimportant, tiresome, hostile to genuine progress, and in general not worth while.”*[101]
>
> **- Rupert Hughes**

2. VEDAS PREACH TRUTH

Holy Vedas preach nothing but truth, which is defined as universal law of nature or voice of conscience or divine voice.

ऋतस्य पथा प्रेत ।
— *यजुर्वेद ७/४५*

Tread on the path of truth.
- Yajur Veda 7/45

The path of truth ensures peace and prosperity, happiness and hilarity, enjoyment and ecstasy, glory and grandeur. It enables its pursuers to dominate over those who tread the path of untruth. because truth triumphs over untruth in the long run.

ऋतस्य गोपा न दभाय सुक्रतुः ।
— *ऋग्वेद ९/७३/८*

The noble soul who pursues
The path of truth
Is never defeated.
- Rig Veda 9/73/8

The course of truth is flawless, devoid of frights and fears, doubts and disbeliefs. It is open to scrutiny at all times. It can face challenge of tests and trials from all quarters. That is why Vedas advise and admonish the people to watch and witness the path of truth which is followed by the righteous.

ऋतस्य पन्थामनु पश्य साध्वडिःगरसः सुकृति येन यन्ति ।
— *अथर्ववेद १८/४/३*

Observe minutely the path of truth
Which is trodden by the enlightened sages.
- Atharva Veda 18/4/3

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If we achieve independence with elimination of Hindu society and Hindu culture from the country, it will not be called independence of Hindustan, and the value of such independence will be zero.

- Dr. K.B. Hedgewar

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BIBLE CONDEMNS KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM AND PHILOSOPHY, VEDAS PROMOTE THEM
1. BIBLE CONDEMNS KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM AND PHILOSOPHY
(i) Bible condemns knowledge

184. “17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:...”

- Genesis, 2/17

(ii) Bible condemns wisdom

185. “19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God...”

- I Corinthians, 3/19

(iii) Bible condemns philosophy

186. “8. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy...”

- Colossians, 2/8

It is an admitted fact that knowledge as well as wisdom acquired through knowledge, and philosophy create power of reasoning which enables man to distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad, truth and untruth. But followers of Holy Bible condemn reason. **Martin Luther** said :

> *“Reason should be destroyed in all Christians.”*
>
> **- Martin Luther**

Pope Gregory I, Gregory the Great, opposed the study of grammar. He also condemned education for all but the clergy as folly and wickedness. He forbade laymen to read even the Bible. He had the library of the Palatine Apollo burned “lest its secular literature distracts the faithful from the contemplation of heaven.”[102]

Bertrand Russell, the renowned philosopher, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1950, corroborates the afore-mentioned statement by his observation as under :

> *“Pope Gregory, the Great wrote to a certain bishop a letter beginning: ‘A report has reached us which we cannot mention without a blush, that thou expoundest grammar to certain friends.’ The bishop was compelled by pontifical authority to desist from this wicked labour, and Latinity did not recover until the Renaissance.”*[103]
>
> **- Bertrand Russell**

It is astonishing that the Catholic Church vehemently opposed even the translation of Bible from Latin to English. **William Tyndale**, who translated the New Testament in English secretly, was strangled and burned. **James A. Haught** states in this connection as under :

> *“The Catholic Church decreed that the Bible could be printed only in Latin, restricting it to priests and scholars. Printing it in a common language for common people was punishable by death. In England in the 1520s, **William Tyndale** sought permission to translate the New Testament into English so that ‘every plowboy’ might read it. The request put his life in danger, and he fled to Lutheran territory in Germany. He completed translation and smuggled copies back to England - where they were seized*

and burned by Catholic bishops. Tyndale eventually was captured in Antwerp by Catholic authorities, who tried him for heresy and had him strangled and burned.□[104]

- James A. Haught

2. VEDAS PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE

Vedic slogan is □*bliss through knowledge*□. Holy Vedas lay emphasis on learning knowledge. There is no limit of age to seek knowledge. The whole world is a vast school where man learns from cradle to crevice. Those who do not endeavour to seek knowledge are like stagnant water that stinks. He who is devoid of knowledge not only embitters his own life but also that of others. He who seeks knowledge is endowed with divine bliss. He enjoys not only himself but also makes others enjoy the fruit of knowledge which is as sweet as nectar. That is why Vedas instruct man to attain bliss through knowledge

विद्ययामृतश्नुते ।
– यजुर्वेद ४०/१४

Through knowledge
Immortal bliss is attained.
- Yajur Veda 40/14

Holy Vedas emphasise on purification through knowledge. Vedas preach progressive thoughts. They emphasise on that knowledge which elevates and ennobles, illuminates and enlightens man. The aim and object of acquiring knowledge is to purge the inner self of dross and dirt and purify the mind. Just as when impurities of gold are burnt in fire, it begins to glitter; so does true knowledge, having burnt the imperfections and impurities, flaws and follies of man, make him shine. That is why Vedas urge upon man to seek that knowledge which may purge and purify him.

पावका नः सरस्वती ।
– ऋग्वेद १/३/१०

The true knowledge
Purifies us.
- Rig Veda 1/3/10

Holy Vedas have always been a source of inspiration and enthusiasm to the scientists, researchists, discoverers and explorers. They inspire man to set sails on the surface of the sea to discover new regions, to dive deep into the ocean to find unfathomable depths full of jewels and diamonds, to fly into the ethereal spheres to explore new horizons in quest of knowledge, wisdom, philosophy, power and beauty. Modern explorations in space as well as ocean are advised to man by holy vedas.

समुद्रं गच्छ स्वाहाऽन्तरिक्षं गच्छ स्वाहा ।
– यजुर्वेद ६/२१

Explore the ocean
Explore the sky
And be blessed
- Yajur Veda 6/21

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Accept only that which stands to your reason. Never accept anything merely because it is preached by some great leader. Test its truth on the touchstone of your intellectual discrimination.

- Dr. K.B. Hedgewar

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BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF DAMNATION, VEDIC DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

1. BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF DAMNATION FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

(i) Non-believers fit to be burnt in fire

Jesus says in New Testament He who does not seek shelter in me, will be thrown like a withered branch of tree fit to be burnt in fire.

187. 6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

- John, 15/6

Is it not fundamental right of man to have freedom of worship ? If it is so, why fire for him who does not seek shelter in Christ ? Will the Christian members of Human Rights Commission agree to the afore-mentioned declaration of Jesus Christ ?

James Madison, the fourth President of U.S.A., opines candidly :

What have been Christianity's fruits ? Superstition, bigotry and persecution.[105]

- James Madison

(ii) Christ's doctrine of damnation for disbelievers

Are there holy persons only among Christians ? Are there no noble persons among non-Christians ? Is it fair to say that only Christians deserve salvation, while others, who do not believe in tenets of Christianity, deserve damnation ? Here is the declaration of Christ in the New Testament :

188. 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

- Mark, 16/16

189. "33. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

- Matthew, 23/33

Thus Jesus Christ prescribes damnation i.e. hell for non-believers. Is it not vindictive fury against those who did not listen to his preaching ? **Bertrand Russell**, the renowned philosopher, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1950, opines :

> *"There is one very serious defect to my mind in Christ's moral character, and that is that He believed in hell. I do not myself feel that any person who is really profoundly humane can believe in everlasting punishment. Christ certainly as depicted in the Gospels did believe in everlasting punishment, and one does find repeatedly a vindictive fury against those people who would not listen to His preaching."*[106]

- Bertrand Russell

Bertrand Russell goes to the extent of doubting the existence of Jesus Christ. He writes :

> *"Historically it is quite doubtful whether Christ ever existed at all, and if He did we do not know anything about Him, …"*[107]

- Bertrand Russell

There are good as well as bad persons in all communities. Will bad-charactered vicious persons, who believe in the tenets of Christianity, also attain salvation ? Will good-charactered virtuous persons, who do not believe in Christian dogmas, be damned for ever ? You will be utterly astonished to read what **Martin Luther**, (c-1483-1546), the German religious reformer who was the founder of the Protestant Reformation, observed in "Table Talk" in this connection. He says :

> *"He that says the gospel requires work for salvation, I say flat and plain he is a liar. If men only believe enough in Christ, they can commit adultery, and murder a thousand times a day without periling their salvation."*[108]

- Martin Luther

It is a matter of immense astonishment and agony that in spite of afore-mentioned quotations, Christian missionaries do not believe that "all religions lead to the same goal" or "all religions are true". They believe that only their religion is true, while other religions are false.

(iii) Salvation is possible only through Christ

One finds monopoly of salvation in Holy Bible. Jesus Christ declares in the New Testament that only he, none else, is the door through which one can enter the kingdom of God. He goes to the extent of saying that those (prophets) who came before him were thieves and robbers. Read the following seven verses :

190. "7. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep."

- John, 10/7

191. "8. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them."

- John, 10/8

192. □9. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and rind pasture.□

- John, 10/9

193. □6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.□

- John, 14/6

194. □25. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:□

- John, 11/25

195. □26. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, Believest thou this?□

- John, 11/26

196. □30. He that is not with me is against me.□

- Matthew, 12/30

In contrast to the afore-mentioned verses of Holy Bible, □**Shrimad Bhagavad Gita**□ says :

येऽप्यन्यदेवता भक्ता यजन्ते श्रद्धयान्विताः ||
तेऽपि मामेव कौन्तेय यजन्त्यविधिपूर्वकम् ||
– गीता ९/२३

Those who worship other gods
With devotion, worship me.
- Gita 9/23

(iv) No salvation for rich men

According to New Testament a rich man cannot enter the kingdom of God. Jesus Christ declares unambiguously as under:

197. □23. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily 1 say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.□

- Matthew, 19/23

198. □24. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.□

- Matthew, 19/26

The afore-mentioned two verses state categorically that the rich men have no hope for salvation at all. Do the rich men of Europe and America believe in the above two verses ? If yes, they are sure

to be doomed; or they may either try to become poor or search for another religion. because Christianity has closed the door of heaven for them.

2. VEDIC DOCTRINE OF SALVATION FOR ALL VIRTUOUS PEOPLE

Holy Vedas never state that salvation can be achieved only by Hindus. When the divine knowledge of Holy Vedas, Rig Veda, Yajur Veda, Atharva Veda and Sam Veda, dawned on four Rishis (hermits) named **Agni, Vayu, Aditya** and **Angira** in the beginning of die universe, there were neither Hindus, nor Muslims, neither Christians nor Jews on the earth. These labels were given to men of the earth later on. Thus according to Vedas, salvation is not the monopoly of one particular community. Vedas, though revealed in the hearts of the aforementioned Rishis on the banks of the river **Sindhu** (Indus) in **Aryavarta** (Bharat), do not belong to one country or one community. **Holy Vedas are the unique immortal heritage of mankind belonging to the whole universe. Vedic religion is the religion of humanity.**

Vedas state categorically that salvation is achieved by those who perform selfless noble deeds in accordance with eternal and unerroneous doctrine of truth as enunciated in Vedas, without being attached to the fruits or rewards of their actions. Thus Vedic religion is based on *doctrine of Karma*. He whose *karma* (actions) are pure and pious, deserves salvation (*Mukti* or *Mokhsha*), irrespective of his caste, colour, creed, community and country. Yajur Veda bears testimony in the following mantra :

अक्रन् कर्म कर्मकृतः सह वाचा मयोभुवा ।
देवेभ्यः कर्म कृत्वास्तं प्रेत सचाभुवाः ॥
– यजुर्वेद ३/४७

He who performs selfless action
Accompanied by auspicious words
Full of truth, joy and sweetness
In the atmosphere of mutual co-operation
Reaches the goal.
- Yajur Veda 3/47

The same precept is given in Shrimad Bhagavad Gita

तस्मादसक्तः सततं कार्यं कर्म समाचर ।
असक्तो ह्याचरन्कार्म परमाप्नोति पूरुषः ॥
– गीता ३/१९

Therefore, man should perform deed,
Considering it as his duty,
Without being attached to its fruits;
For by working without attachment,
He attains the Supreme.
- Gita 3/19

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Change of religion is change of nationality.

- Veer Savarkar

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DOCTRINE OF “BE GOOD, DO GOOD” IN BOTH VEDAS AND BIBLE

1. DOCTRINE OF “BE GOOD, DO GOOD” IN VEDAS

Vedic philosophy does not revolve round long lessons and lengthy sermons of empty idealism. It urges on practical life. Vedas teach man to lead practically pure and pious life full of philanthropy and fellow-feeling, benefaction and benevolence. This is the only way to salvation. “*Be good and do good*” is the gist of Vedic philosophy. He who recites with tongue holy mantras of Vedas and performs religious rituals and ceremonies, but himself does not lead pious life, nor is he good to others, is like a man who ploughs the field but does not sow. He who, besides reciting the religious theories and doctrines, puts them into practice in daily life, is like a man who not only ploughs and sows the fields but also reaps the harvest. An ounce of action is better than a pound of sermons.

Vedas, being practical guide to mankind, emphasise upon noble life and noble actions.

> शुद्धाः पूता भवत यज्ञियासः ।
> – *ऋग्वेद १०/१८/२*
>
> Be pure and pious
> O worshippers !
> *- Rig Veda 10/18/2*

The doctrine of “*be good, do good*” is based on the “*doctrine of truth*”. In modern era of reasoning and rationalism various people debate as to what is good and what is bad. Their problem is how to distinguish good from bad, true from untrue, right from wrong. The best method of judging a thing whether it is good or bad, true or untrue, right or wrong is to apply the principle to one’s own self. Do to others as you wish it to be done to you by others. If you want others not to take away your life, you should also not take away the life of any creature. Is it not a matter of fantastic irony that on one h and you expect God to be merciful to you, while on another hand you fail to show mercy to the creatures of the same Lord ? God has provided everyman with the best adviser called conscience. When a man does ignoble deed, his conscience pricks and pinches him, notwithstanding the fact that satanic elements within him try utmost to stifle the voice of conscience. The voice of conscience is the voice of truth which is another name of religion. The religion which is not based on truth, cannot be called religion. The following quotation of *Mahabharat* categorically corroborates the statement :

> धर्मः स नो यत्र न सत्यमस्ति ।

– महाभारत

The religion which is devoid of truth, is not religion at all.
- Mahabharat

Vedic religion preaches and precepts nothing but truth which is defined as universal law of nature or voice of conscience or divine voice.

ऋतस्य पथा प्रेत ।
– यजुर्वेद ७/४५

Tread on the path of truth.
- Yajur Veda 7/45

2. DOCTRINE OF □BE GOOD, DO GOOD□ IN BIBLE

(i) Treat others as you wish to be treated by others

Jesus Christ says :

> **199. □12. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law of the prophets.□**
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> *- Matthew, 7/12*

What a fine piece of sermon it is ! I like it most. But men are known by what they do, not by what they say. During their four hundred years□ reign of terror and tyranny in Goa, the Christian rulers captured Hindu women from their houses and raped them, and then burnt them alive. Their children were sold as slaves. Hindu temples were destroyed, and in their places churches were built. If, after independence, Hindus treat them in the same manner, would they like ? The Hindus, who are the Aryans (the noblest), would never indulge in such barbarous activities. Is it not a matter of shame that **Francis Xavier**, who was responsible for the establishment of the □*Holy Inquisition of Goa*□, under which Hindu women were raped and burnt alive and Hindu temples were demolished, is canonized as saint, and Christian schools and colleges in Bharat are established in his name ?

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru writes about □*Inquisition, the terrible weapon of Roman Church*□ in his book □*Glimpses of World History*□ as under :

> □*About this time, the Inquisition that terrible weapon which the Roman Church forged to crush all who did not bow down to it, was established in Spain. Jews, who had prospered under the Saracens, were now forced to change their religion, and many were burnt to death. Women and children were not spared.*□[109]

Pandit Nehru further states :

> □*The Church started the reign of violence in religion, formally and officially, in 1233, by starting what is called* □*The Inquisition*□*. This was a kind of court which inquired into the orthodoxy of people*□*s beliefs, and if they did not come up to the standard, their usual punishment was death by burning. There was a regular hunt for* □*heretics*□ *and hundreds of them were burnt at the stake. Even worse than this burning was the torture inflicted on them to make them recant. Many poor unfortunate women were accused of being witches and were burnt.*□[110]

All over the country the Inquisition flourished and the most horrible tortures were inflicted on so called heretics. From time to time great public festivals were arranged when batches of these heretics men and women were burnt alive on huge pyres in the presence of the king and royal family and ambassadors and thousands of people. Autos-da-fe, acts of faith, these public burnings were called. Terrible and monstrous all this seems. The whole history of Europe of this period is so full of violence and horrible and barbarous cruelty and religious bigotry as to be almost unbelievable.[111]

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

The victims of the Holy Inquisition included **Galileo** who was imprisoned for life, and another astronomer **Giordano Bruno**, who was burnt at the stake. It is worth noting here that **Lady Teresa** justified the Inquisition of Galileo.

Sita Ram Goel quotes **Colonel James Todd** in his Introduction to first Indian reprint of Women, Church and State authored by **Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage**, as under : Commenting on the horrible atrocities-massacres of population, burning of villages, capture of young males and females for sale as slaves, plunder of property-committed by the Portuguese in 1532 and 1549 on Hindus living in the coastal areas of Saurashtra, **Colonel James Todd** had observed :

It would perhaps be fortunate for Christianity, if the historic muse in India were mute, as many have endeavoured to prove her to be, since atrocities like these are alone sufficient to have scared the Hindus from all association with her creed.[112]

- Colonel James Todd

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Human soul is a free agent and is responsible for all his actions. This responsibility cannot be shaken off by any means without repudiating the principle of justice. Hence evil actions cannot be condoned. Man must reap as he sows. Sins cannot be forgiven. An outside agency cannot undo the effect of sins.

- Swami Dayanand Saraswati

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21
SERMONS OF FORGIVENESS AND NON-VIOLENCE

IN BOTH VEDAS AND BIBLE

1. FORGIVENESS AND NON-VIOLENCE IN VEDAS

Holy Vedas teach noble lesson of *forgiveness and non-violence*. Vedic devotee prays to Almighty to grant life even to his enemy who hates him. He prays to Providence not only for his well-being, but also for the prosperity of his adversary.

> यो३स्मान् द्वेष्टि यं वयं द्विष्मस्तस्य त्वं प्राणेनाऽप्यायस्व ।
> आ वयं प्याशिषिमहि गोभिरश्वैः प्रजया पशुभिर्गृहैर्धनेन ॥
> — *अथर्ववेद ९/८१/५*

Oh gracious God
Grant life to him
Who harbours ill-will and malice
Against us
And against whom
We harbour hatred;
Let him prosper
And let us also prosper;
May we be blessed with
Cattle, horses, sons, grand-sons
Home, health and wealth May all prosper !
May we also prosper
- Atharva Veda 7/81/5

Vedic civilization is the most superb and sublime, adopting in its sphere all the persons of the globe. It is not meant for one community or one country. It is for the whole race of mankind. It is unique and universal civilization. That is why it is concerned with the good of humanity at large.

> सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्व सन्तु निरामयाः ।
> सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु, मा कश्चित् दुःख भाग्भवेत् ॥

May all be happy,
May all be healthy,
May all be blessed,
May none suffer from
Miseries and misfortunes.

According to Holy Vedas, there is a pre-natal harmony, natural link and celestial communion among all the souls. Hence Vedas instruct men not to despise one another. He who hates another, hates himself because he finds divine manifestation in both the souls connecting a common link between the two. That is why Vedas teach men to give up malice and hatred.

> वि द्वेषांसीनुहि ।
> — *ऋग्वेद ६/१०/७*

Give up hatred.
- Rig Veda 6/10/7

Here is Vedic prayer in Atharva Veda, illustrating the same point

> मा नो द्विक्षत कश्चन ।

– अथर्ववेद १२/१/२४

May we not hate any one.
- Atharva Veda, 12/1/24

Violence is abhorrent and abominable in Vedic religion. Vedas teach us not to kill any being that breathes on the earth. It is a heinous sin to kill the innocent.

अनागोहत्या वै भिमा।
– अथर्ववेद १०/१/२९

It is the most heinous sin
To slay the innocent.
- Atharva Veda 10/1/29

Blessed are the eyes that cast loving and affectionate glances at others. Cursed and condemned be the eyes which frown and fret at others. Vedas teach that all are friendly, none is enemy. Love begets love, hatred breeds poison. If you look at others with friendly eye, they will return loving glances to you. Hence it is our utmost duty to create atmosphere of fellow-feeling and friendliness, love and affection, companionship and co-operation, equality and fraternity. Here is Vedic prayer in *Yajur Veda* illustrating the same point :

दृते दृꣳहऽांह मा मित्रस्य चक्षुषा सर्वाणि भूतानि समीक्षन्ताम्।
मित्रस्याऽहं चक्षुषा सर्वाणि भूतानि समीक्षे।
मित्रस्य चक्षुषा समीक्षामहे॥
– यजुर्वेद ३६/१८

O Lord, firm and resolute,
Make me firm,
May all look at me
With friendly eye,
May I look at all
With friendly eye,
May all look at one another
With friendly eye.
- Yajur Veda 36/18

2. FORGIVENESS AND NON-VIOLENCE IN BIBLE

(i) If one slaps on your right cheek, give him left one also

Jesus Christ says :

200. 39. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

- Mathew, 5/39

This is the finest piece of text for Christians in Holy Bible. I earnestly desire that all the Christians of the world must act and behave in accordance with this sermon of Christ. If they do so, the world will be transformed into heaven. But History bears testimony that Christian rulers of Goa acted and behaved quite contrary to above sermon. The *Holy Inquisition of Goa*, which was, in the words

of **Dr. Justice M.B. Niyogi**, □*unholy and wicked institution*□, perpetrated innumerable atrocities on both Christians and non-Christians. It proved the worst of its kind, established anywhere.[113]

Shrimad Bhagavad Gita admonishes the Hindus to kill the evil (not innocent), while Bible instructs the Christians in the above verse not to resist evil and give left cheek to the man who strikes on your right cheek. Had the Hindus and the Christians acted in accordance with the afore-mentioned respective sermon of their respective Holy Books (Gita and Bible), the map of the world would have been different. That is, Bharat would not have been conquered, captured and held under tyrannical yoke of slavery by the British, and Hindu Rajya (Ram Rajya) would have been established in most of the countries of the world. But alas ! Hindus ignored the sermon of **Gita** and acted in accordance with the above sermon of Bible, while Christians ignored the said sermon of Bible and acted according to the above *sloka* of ***Gita*** negatively *i.e.* they took sword not only against the evil (as admonished by Gita) but also against the virtuous (*i.e.* followers of Gita). It is a matter of agony, anguish and anxiety that the followers of Gita (Hindus) became the followers of Bible, while the followers of Bible (Christians) became the followers of Gita. In other words I may say that when Hindus gave up heroic valour, they were trampled under the feet of foreign aggressors. What **Guruji M.S. Golwalkar** said in this connection is worth quoting here :

> □*Without dynamic conquering spirit, even devotion to a divine cause will be of little avail In this hard world which is an arena for trial of strength with brute forces, mere goodness or noble virtues will not hold the field for a single moment. That is why we find that in spite of all the piety, goodness and devotion to God all through the past thousand years, we were trampled under the feet by foreign aggressors who, though total strangers to goodness and virtue, had a passion for heroic action and organised effort.*□[114]

- M.S. Golwalkar

The following two quotations of **Swatantrya Veer Savarkar** are eye-opener :

> □*So long as the whole world is unjust, we must be unjust; so long as the whole world is aggressive, we must be aggressive.*□

- Veer Savarkar

> □*Aggression and brute strength can only be defeated by severe aggression and superlative brute strength.*□

- Veer Savarkar

So far as the afore-mentioned quotation of Jesus Christ is concerned, 1 cannot restrain myself from admiring it. But the same Jesus Christ advised his followers in the New Testament to sell their garment and buy a sword.

201. □36□□ and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.□

- Luke, 22/36

Christ also declared in the New Testament (Matthew, 10/34) that he has come not for peace but to wield a sword. He also says in another chapter of the New Testament (John, 15/6) that one who does not seek shelter in him, will be thrown like a withered branch of tree fit to be burnt in fire. Hence I come to the conclusion that the afore-mentioned quotation of □*offering left cheek to one who slaps on the right one*□ is meant only for Christians while treating their co-religionists (*i.e.* Christians). It is not meant for non-Christians. It is not put into action, when Christians deal with non-Christians. The other two quotations quoted above are mostly practised while dealing with

non-Christians. My conclusion is confirmed by Jesus Christs doctrine of damnation for those who do not believe in tenets of Christianity. Christ categorically says in the New Testament (Mark, 16/16) that he who believes and is baptized, shall be saved, while he who does not believe (in Christ and Christianity) shall be damned. The Old Testament is full of instances of damnation, death and destruction for the so called non-believers.

The Holy Bible consists of two parts : the first part is called the *Old Testament*, which is full of instances of slaughter and massacre of innocent persons because of their only fault that their mode of worship was different. The second part is known as the *New Testament*. Most of the Christians base their religion (Christianity) only on the teachings of the *New Testament* and disown the Hebrew part (the Old Testament) of Holy Bible. If they really disown the first part of the Bible, why do they riot exclude it from she text ? Authorised (King James) version of the Holy Bible printed in U.S.A. in 1979 contains both Old and New Testaments. All versions of Holy Bible contain both the parts. There is a deep connection between the Old Testament and the New which, taken together, form the complete Bible. **St. Augustine** corroborates it by saying :

The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old is made manifest in the New.

- St Augustine

Hence the Christian missionaries cannot disown the Old Testament. Moreover Jesus Christ himself owns up and confirms the contents of the Old Testament by saying that he came to the earth, not to destroy the laws of his predecessors but to fulfil them :

202. 17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law (Mosaic Law), or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

- Matthew, 5/17

(ii) Pray for those who persecute you

As an impartial author, I must admit that there are good quotations also in Holy Bible. Here I am presenting a nice quotation of Jesus Christ who precepts us to bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who persecute you. He says :

203. 44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

- Matthew, 5/44

What a fine sermon it is ! I wish all Christian missionaries, all Christian countries and all Christian ruling politicians must act in accordance with above sermon of Christ. An idea is fine only when it is put into action. because life is made of actions, not wishful thinking. If the actions of followers of a particular cult are quite contrary to what they preach, what is the use of their preaching ?

It seems that Christian missionaries have ignored the aforementioned positive sermon of Christ and have adopted and executed his negative precepts. Here is one more negative and destructive utterance of Jesus Christ, which nullifies the above sermon. He says :

204. 27. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

-Luke, 19/27

It is astonishing that at one place (Matthew, 5/44) Jesus Christ admonishes to love and bless your

enemies and pray for them, while at another place he orders his followers to bring those enemies, who did not wish him (Christ) to rule over them, before him and slay them in his presence. What a contradictory statement !

If all Christians of the world-nay, all human beings of the globe, adopt and practise Christ's positive sermons of love, kindness and forgiveness, the earth will be transformed into heaven. When all men and women are the sons and daughters of One Father, why to hate and destroy one another ? Why not to love each being that breathes on the earth ? Love is god. God is love.

> **205. "8. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."**
>
> *- 1 John, 4/8*

God loves all His children equally whether they are good or bad, virtuous or sinner. His mercy showers on all persons irrespective of caste, colour, creed and community. He makes the sun shine on both good persons as well as bad, and showers rain on all whether they are just or unjust.

> **206. "45......... he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."**
>
> *- Matthew, 5/45*

(iii) If you expect forgiveness from God, forgive your fellow-beings

Jesus Christ says :

> **207. "14. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:"**
>
> *- Matthew, 6/14*

> **208. "15. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."**
>
> *- Matthew, 6/15*

The above two verses are excellent, but the same are nullified by Christ himself when he says in the New Testament (Matthew, 10/35) that he came to the earth to create rift between father and son, mother and daughter, mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. The Old Testament which is owned up and confirmed by Jesus Christ goes one step further when it admonishes "to kill your own brother, your own son, your own daughter and your wife if they entice you to serve other gods." (Deuteronomy, 13/6-10)

(iv) A nation shall not draw sword against a nation

Here is a very fine passage in Holy Bible which exhorts nations not to draw swords against one another, but to beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks

> **209. "4… and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."**
>
> *- Isaiah, 2/4*

The above-mentioned nice sermon of non-violence is nullified by Jesus Christ's advice to his followers in the New Testament to buy a sword by selling their garments even, if they have no money (Luke, 22/36). Thus Holy Bible is replete with contradictions, which are bound to create confusions into the hearts of its followers, who will be at a loss what to believe, what not to believe

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Aggression and brute strength can only be defeated by severe aggression and superlative brute strength.

- Veer Savarkar

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WITCHCRAFT IN BIBLE, DIVINE PATH IN VEDAS
1. WITCHCRAFT IN BIBLE

Joan of Arc was massacred as a witch. **George Bernard Shaw**, the renowned playwright, critic and essayist, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1925, wrote a play entitled *St. Joan*. It shook the entire Europe. G.B. Shaw himself describes the effect of his play on a school boy as under :

A school boy who witnessed a performance of my play St. Joan, told his schoolmaster that he disliked Jesus and could not pray to him, but that he could pray to Joan.[115]

- George Bernard Shaw

Later on the Church had to canonize Joan of Arc. It is a matter of utter amazement and agony that the Church first killed Joan of Arc and then canonized her. According to **Charles Smith**, the editor of *Truth Seeker*, three hundred thousand persons, being accused of witchcraft, have been killed in Europe on the basis of following Biblical verse :

210. 18. Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

- Exodus, 22/18

The soil of Europe is stained with innocent blood because of the afore-mentioned text. For three centuries, witch fires burned in nearly every town of Europe, lighted by the above text. Four hundred persons were burned at Toulouse in one day. **Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage** writes :

The Parliament of Toulouse burned 400 witches at one time. Four hundred women at one hour on the public square, dying the horrid death of fire for a crime which never existed save in the imagination of those persecutors and which grew in their imagination from a false belief in woman's extraordinary wickedness, based upon a false theory as to original sin.[116]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru writes in his *Glimpses of World History* as under :

Many hundreds of thousands of women are said to have been burnt in Europe as

witches, mostly by puritans.□[117]

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

The belief in witchcraft is supported by the following other passages of Holy Bible :

211. □12. And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers;□

- Micah, 5/12

212. □4. Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.□

- Nahum, 3/4

213. □27. A man also or woman that bath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely he put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.□

- Leviticus, 20/27

Pope John XXII formalized the persecution of witchcraft in 1320, when he authorised the Inquisition to persecute sorcery.[118]

Bertrand Russell, the renowned philosopher, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1950, states :

□□□ *there was the Inquisition, with its tortures; there were millions of unfortunate women burnt as witches; and there was every kind of cruelty practised upon all sorts of people in the name of religion.*□[119]

- Bertrand Russell

In 1484 **Pope Innocent VII** officially ordered pet cats to be burned together with witches, a practice which continued throughout the centuries of witch-hunting.[120]

H.G. Wells, the renowned English novelist, who was father of modern science fiction, opines fearlessly :

□*Today the most evil thing in the whole world is the Roman Catholic Church.*□[121]

- H.G. Wells

□*Why Do We Not Bomb Rome ?*□ is the title of the first chapter of H.G. Wells□ □*Crux Ansata*□.[122]

Martin Luther, the German religious reformer and the founder of the Protestant Reformation, being influenced by the afore-mentioned Biblical texts, declared wrathfully :

□*I would have no compassion for a witch; I would burn them all.*□[123]

- Martin Luther

Some learned men, who believed implicitly in each word of Holy Bible, were not ready to deny witchcraft. **Sir Wm Blackstone** was one of them. He said :

To deny witchcraft is atonce flatly to contradict the revealed word of God in various passages both of the Old and New Testaments.

- Sir Wm Blackstone

John Wesley, the eighteenth century founder of Methodism, went to the extent of saying :

Giving up witchcraft is, in effect, giving up the Bible.[124]

- John Wesley

Both **Calvin** and **Knox** believed that to deny witchcraft was to deny the authority of the Bible.[125]

Helen Ellerbe writes in her book *The Dark Side of Christian History* as under :

The horror of the witch hunts knew no bounds. The Church had never treated the children of persecuted parents with compassion, but its treatment of witches children was particularly brutal Children were liable to be prosecuted and tortured for witchcraft: girls, once they were nine and a half, and boys, once they were ten and a half.[126] *Younger children were tortured in order to elicit testimony that could be used against their parents.*[127] *Even the testimony of two-year-old children was considered valid in cases of witchcraft, though such testimony was never admissible in other types of trials.*[128] *A famous French magistrate was known to have regretted his leniencey when, instead of having young children accused of witchcraft burned, he had only sentenced them to be flogged, while they watched their parents burn.*[129]

- Helen Ellerbe

How many precious human lives were lost during the centuries of witch-hunting in Europe ? **Helen Ellerbe** answers

How many lives were lost during the centuries of witch-hunting will never be known. Some members of the clergy proudly reported the number of witches they condemned, such as the bishop of Wurtzburg who claimed 1900 lives in five years, or the Lutheran prelate Benedict Carpzov who claimed to have sentenced 20,000 evil worshippers.[130] *But the vast majority of records have been lost, and it is doubtful that such documents would have recorded those killed outside of the courts.*[131]

- Helen Ellerbe

An American writer **Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage** writes :

It is computed from historical records that nine millions of persons were put to death for witchcraft after 1484, or during a period of three hundred years, and this estimate does not include the vast number who were sacrificed in the preceding centuries upon the same accusation. The greater number of this incredible multitude were women.[132]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage further states :

Massachusetts was not the only, colony that treated witchcraft as a crime. Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia possessed similar enactments. Witchcraft was considered and treated as a capital offense by the laws of both Pennsylvania and New York, trials taking place in both colonies not long before the Salem tragedy......... Virginia,

Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts and New York, eight of the thirteen colonies recognized witchcraft as a capital crime."[133]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

(i) Victimisation of witchcraft in modern

Europe It is a matter of agony and astonishment that massacring of innocent women and men on account of suspected witchcraft is still continuing in modern scientific era in Europe. **Helen Ellerbe** writes :

"While the formal persecution of witches raged from about 1450 to 1750, sporadic killing of women oh account of suspected witchcraft has continued into recent times. In 1928 a family of Hungarian peasants was acquitted of beating an old woman to death whom they claimed was a witch. The court based its decision on the ground that the family had acted out of "irresistible compulsion".[134] *In 1976, a poor spinster, Elizabeth Hahn, was suspected of witchcraft and of keeping familiars, or devil's agents, in the form of dogs. The neighbours in her small German village ostracized her, threw rocks at her, and threatened to beat her to death before burning her house, badly burning her and killing her animals.*[135] *A year later in France, an old man was killed for ostensible sorcery.*[136] *And in 1981, a mob in Mexico stoned a woman to death for her apparent witchcraft, which they believed had incited the attack upon Pope John Paul II.*[137]"[138]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

In 1785, **Thomas Jefferson**, the third President of America, wrote :

"Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction o Christianity, have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of coercion ? To make one half of the world fools, and the other half hypocrites. To support error and roguery all over the earth."[139]

- Thomas Jefferson

(ii) Christian Congregation burnt alive two Indian girls as witches

A Christian congregation in Arunachal Pradesh tied to poles and burned alive two tribal girls, Komai Simai and Khodang Tikhak, at the behest of a priest belonging to the Tangsa Baptist Christian Association. The girl's had been accused and found guilty of practising witchcraft ![140]

(iii) Christianity has shed more blood than any other religion

G.W. Foote and **J.M. Wheeler** state in their famous book, "*Crimes of Christianity*" as under :

"Although the Bible says that "God is Love", Christianity has shed more blood and perpetrated more cruelty than any other religion in the world."[141]

- G.W. Foote and J.M. Wheeler

2. DIVINE PATH IN VEDAS

Saint Tolstoy, the Russian thinker and philosopher, states

Vedic religion is not only the most ancient religion but also it is the most perfect one. It occupies the first and foremost position among religions of the world.

- Saint Tolstoy

Holy Vedas inspire men to shun devilish deeds and follow divine path. He who hurts and harms others is a devil. He who does good to others is an angel. He who lives by destroying others lives is a demon. He who lives for the sake of others is a god. Devil or demon destroys life, while an angel or god saves life. As long as men possessing devilish or satanic hearts dwell on the earth, butcheries and blood-sheds are bound to occur. The earth which is stained with the blood of thousands of innocent persons, will be transformed into heaven, only when its inhabitants tread on divine path, lead godly life and adopt angelic qualities. Vedas precept man to shun the path of devils and demons and lead angelic life by following divine path.

आ देवानामपि पन्थामगन्म यच्छक्नवाम तदनु प्रवोळहुम् ।
– ऋग्वेद १०/२/३

Come,
Let us walk on divine path,
May we have strength
To follow divine ideals.
- Rig Veda 10/2/3

The people of Europe were groping in darkness of disbeliefs and doubts, illusions and delusions, misgivings and misconceptions, ill-will and burning. They burnt within and without into the flames of malice, revenge and retaliation. They failed to behold celestial light glamouring and glittering in all hearts alike. That is why they had desecrated the holy earth by means of their callous atrocities towards their fellow-brothers and fellow-sisters. Vedas have beautiful prayer and precept for such people.

गूहता गुह्यं तमो वि यात विश्वमत्रिणम ।
ज्योतिष्कर्ता यदुश्मसि ॥
– ऋग्वेद १/८६/१०

Dispel horrid darkness from within,
Remove all vicious +thoughts,
And enkindle the light
We long for.
- Rig Veda 1/86/10

People lack spiritual light hence they bum within and without. Every one yearns for light, because light is life, while darkness is death. Light is weal, darkness is woe. Where there is light, there is heaven; where there is darkness, there is hell. Light leads to progress, where as darkness signifies retrogress. Light is ambrosia, while darkness is poison. That is why Atharva Veda admonishes men of the earth to come but of darkness to light :

आ रोह तमसो ज्योति : ।
– अथर्ववेद ८/१/८

Rise from darkness
To shining light of spiritual lustre.
- Atharva Veda 8/1/8

Those who give light and life to others are called gods. Those who take away the life of others are devils. Devils are the sons of satan, while gods are the children of God. This is illustrated by the following *mantra* of *Yajur Veda* :

ते हि पुत्रासोऽअदितेः प्र जीवसे मर्त्याय |
ज्योतिर्यच्छन्त्यजस्त्रम् ||
– *यजुर्वेद ३/३३*

Those are worthy sons of Supreme Being
who bestow constantly
Light and life on mortals.
- *Yajur Veda 3/33*

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□Sinner and saint should not be given the same treatment. Give a person the treatment which he deserves. Chastise the sinner and serve the selfless saint. Weak prefer peace, cowards compromise.□

- Swami Dayanand Saraswati

□If you come, with you, if you don□t come, without you, if you oppose, in spite of you, I shall continue my task.□

- Veer Savarkar

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BIBLE ESTABLISHES SLAVERY, VEDAS PREACH EQUALITY AND LIBERTY
1. BIBLE ESTABLISHES SLAVERY

(i) Slaves are permanent possession to be inherited by future children

The Holy Bible not only justifies but also establishes slavery. The Biblical God admonishes and authorises his followers to buy both bondmen and bondmaids from among the heathens who stay around them. Biblical God goes one step further and incites his followers to treat the bondmen and bondmaids as a permanent possession and property to be inherited by future children ! Read the following three passages :

> **214. □44. Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.□**
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> *- Leviticus, 25/44*
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> **215. □45. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land; and they shall be your possession.□**
>
> *- Leviticus, 25/45*
>
> **216. □46. And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever□□□**
>
> *- Leviticus, 25/46*

The afore-mentioned three verses indicate categorically that followers of Bible do not treat non-believers (heathens, pagans) as their equal brothers, but inferior men and women fit to be permanent slaves, who can be purchased and also inherited for future children. Will the Christian members of organisation like Human Rights Commission approve of the above verses of Holy Bible ? If not, why do they not raise voice against the justification and establishment of slavery and bonded labour in Holy Bible ?

Bertrand Russell, the renowned philosopher, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1950, states :

> *□The Churches, as every one knows, opposed the abolition of slavery as long as they dared, and with a few well-advertised exceptions they oppose at the present day every movement towards economic justice. The Pope has officially condemned Socialism.□*[142]
>
> **- Bertrand Russell**

(ii) Biblical judgments regarding slaves

The Holy Bible has set some judgments regarding slaves. According to these judgments, a Hebrew servant can be freed after he has served his master for six years. But during the period of six years, if his master has given him a wife, and she has born him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master□s property and he shall go out alone by himself. Here are the six verses :

> **217. □1. Now these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them.□**
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> *- Exodus, 21/1*
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> **218. □2. If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve; and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.□**

- Exodus, 21/2

219. “3. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself, if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.”

- Exodus, 21/3

220. “4. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out by himself.”

- Exodus, 21/4

221. “5. And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free;”

- Exodus, 21/5

222. “6. Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.”

- Exodus, 21/6

(iii) The New Testament also sanctions slavery

The following six verses of the New Testament not only advocate but also establish the system of slavery :

223. “1. Let as many servants as are under the yoke, count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.”

- Timothy 1, 6/1

The readers should note the use of the words “under the yoke” which are generally used for animals.

224. “9. Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;”

- Titus, 2/9

225. “10. Not purloining (stealing), but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.”

- Titus, 2/10

Note the establishment of slavery in the name of “*God, the Saviour*”!

226. “5. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;”

- Ephesians, 6/5

227. "6. Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;"

- Ephesians, 6/6

Here slaves are ordainded to serve their masters **with fear and trembling**, considering themselves as the servants of Christ. Moreover, the above verse confirms slavery as "the will of God".

228. "18. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the forward (perverse, difficult to deal with)."

- Peter 1, 2/18

The above verse of the New Testament ordains the slaves to serve with all fear not only their gentle masters, but also perverse and harsh ones - that too in the name of God, the Saviour ! With all this, will Christian missionaries boast that Christianity believes in equality of men ?

Rev. Alexander Campbell unambiguously advocates the system of slavery and bondage by saying that it is not immoral because it is confirmed by the Bible. He states :

"There is not one verse in the Bible inhibiting slavery, but many regulating it. It is not then, we conclude, immoral."[143]

- Alexander Campbell

Thomas Jefferson, the third President of America, opines :

"In every country and in every age, the priest has been hostile to liberty."

- Thomas Jefferson

The French Revolutionists rejected the Bible and abolished slavery in the colonies, while the Church reintroduced the Bible and slavery.[144]

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, (1833-1899), the famous orator and statesman of U.S.A., who popularised the criticism of the Bible on the basis of a humanistic philosophy and scientific rationalism, opines candidly :

"The real oppressor, enslaver and corrupter of the people is the Bible."[145]

- Col. Robert G. Ingersoll

The most devoted Christian King, **George III**, abhorred abolition of slavery. The most zealous defenders of slavery in America were Bible moralists. **Abraham Lincoln's** "*Emancipation Proclamation*" nullified "God's law" of Holy Bible.

In spite of the afore-mentioned Biblical texts which not only sanction but also confirm and establish slavery, the Christian missionaries boast that contribution of Christianity towards modern civilization in the West is of paramount importance. **Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage**, one of the renowned historians of America, falsifies their claim as under

"The careful student of history will discover that Christianity has been of very little value in advancing civilization, but has done a great deal toward retarding it."[146]

- Matilda Joslyn Gage

Ms Matilda Joslyn Gage quotes Wendell Phillips in support of her statement. Wendell Phillips

opines :

The liberty and civilization of the present are nothing else than the fragments of rights which the scaffold and stake have wrung from the strong hands of the usurpers. [147]

- Wendell Phillips

2. VEDAS PREACH EQUALITY AND LIBERTY

(i) All men are equal

The philosophy of Holy Vedas revolves round fraternity and equality. None is superior to another. None is master, none is slave. All men have equal rights on the earth. Nature treats all alike, whether he is brown or black, high or low, prince or pauper. Lord has prescribed the same mode of birth and death for all men of the earth. All souls are equally alike

समाना हृदयानि वः ।
— ऋग्वेद १०/१९१/४

Let our hearts be
In equality and unity.
- Rig Veda 10/191/4

(ii) Live and let live

Vedic religion (Hindu religion) is based on the golden principle of *live and let live*. Exploitation in any form is strictly prohibited in Vedic religion. Supreme Being dwells in the hearts of all men. Then why to enslave a fellow-being, who has the same equal right to live with dignity and liberty ? Holy Vedas admonish us to live and let others live :

जीवा स्थ जीव्यासं
— *अथर्ववेद १९/६९/१*

You may live
And let me also live.
- Atharva Veda 19/69/1

Prof. Max Muller admires and appreciates Vedas in the following words :

Vedas will continue to be admired and appreciated as long as the oceans and the mountains exist on the earth.

- Prof Max Muller

(iii) Slavery is pain, liberty is pleasure

No other suffering on the earth is so painful as slavery. All troubles and tribulations, tortures and turmoils appear insignificant in comparison to agonies of bondage. No other joy in the world is so great as liberty. It is the root of real delight and source of genuine joy. He who is deprived of liberty is the most wretched man on the earth. Freedom is a blessing, where as slavery is a curse. Freedom is life, where as slavery is death. Freedom is rapture, where as slavery is torture.

Shri Manu, the first law-giver of the world, says

सर्वं परवशं दुःखं सर्वमात्मवशं सुखम् ।

एतद् विद्यात् समासेन लक्षणं सुखदुःखयोः ॥
— *मनु*

Slavery is pain,
Freedom is pleasure,
In short, this is the definition
Of pain and pleasure.
- Manu

(iv) Crush the man who enslaves us

Holy Vedas precept and preach universal brotherhood. All human beings on the earth are brothers having one and the same father, God Almighty who treats all alike. Hence all are entitled to equal rights and privileges. But if some persons, on account of their selfish motive and malicious mentality, try to encroach upon the liberty of others, they are not to be treated as brothers. They are to be dealt with as encroachers, assaulters and enemies. Vedas authorise us to crush the man who tries to subjugate us, because protection of liberty then becomes unavoidable necessity.

यो नो अग्नेऽभिदासत्यन्ति दूरे पदीष्ट सः ।
अस्माकमिदूधे भव ॥
— *ऋग्वेद १/७९/११*

O effulgent Lord,
May the person who enslaves us
Be crushed under feet
Whether he is near or far;
Mayest Thou be with us
For our progress and prosperity.
- Rig Veda 1/79/11

Holy Vedas admonish us that he, who snatches the basic right of liberty and wishes to make us servile, should not be allowed at all to exercise his power, whether he is alien or our own kith and kin:

यो न इन्द्राभिदासति सनाभिर्यश्च निष्टयः ।
अव तस्य बलं तिर महीव द्यैरध त्मना
नभन्तामन्यकेषां ज्याका अधि धन्वसु ॥
— *ऋग्वेद १०/१३३/५*

O resplendent Lord,
Destroy the power of the man
Who wants to enslave us
Whether he is alien or akin,
No matter, if his strength
Is as vast as the sky;
Break the ropes
Fastened unto his bows.
- Rig Veda 10/133/5

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The root cause of our downfall is our mental weakness. The first and foremost task we have to

perform is to annihilate this mental weakness.

- Dr. K.B. Hedgewar

A wrong interpretation of non-violence has deprived the national mind of the power of discrimination. We have begun to look upon strength as violence and to glorify our weakness The world is not prepared to listen to the philosophy, however sublime, of the weak.

- Guruji M.S. Golwalkar

I would prefer Hitler to the Democracy that was cowardly and yielding to every aggressor.

- Veer Savarkar

I shall see that my one soldier will defeat one lac enemies, then alone I shall get myself called Gobind Singh.

- Guru Gobind Singh

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24
BIBLE PREACHES RACISM, VEDAS PREACH EQUAL RIGHTS

1. BIBLE PREACHES RACISM

The Holy Bible preaches and propagates racism. Racism is the belief in the inherent superiority of a particular race or races over others, usually with the implication of a right to dominate over others. The following passage of Holy Bible indicates that its followers are *holy people*, *special people*, *chosen people* and *superior race* in the court of God :

> **229. 6. For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God bath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.**
>
> *- Deuteronomy, 7/6*

The afore-mentioned Biblical passage incited the British rulers to accord discriminatory treatment

to the people of Bharat. Let Christian missionaries answer to the question: Does Bible believe in equality of all men of the universe ?

2. VEDAS PREACH EQUAL RIGHTS

Vedic religion does not approve of superiority of a particular race or races over others. None is superior or inferior. All are equal children of one Father.

> शृण्वन्तु विश्वे अमृतस्य पुत्राः
>
> All men are sweet sons of Supreme Being

Holy Vedas preach equality of all men of the earth and equal rights of all irrespective of caste, colour, creed and country.

> समानो अध्वा प्रवतामनुष्यदे ।
> – *ऋग्वेद २/१३/२*
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> All the walkers
> Who walk on the path
> Have equal right
> To the path
> *- Rig Veda 2/13/2*

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Without dynamic conquering spirit, even devotion to a divine cause will be of little avail. In this hard world which is an arena for trial of strength with brute forces, mere goodness or noble virtues will not hold the field even for a single moment. That is why we find that in spite of all the piety, goodness and devotion to God all through the past thousand years, we were trampled under the feet by foreign aggressors who, though total strangers to goodness and virtue, had a passion for heroic action and organised effort.

- Guruji M.S. Golwalkar

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25
BIBLICAL GOD BREAKS AND BURNS IDOLS VEDIC GOD BESTOWS BLISS

1. BIBLICAL GOD BREAKS AND BURNS IDOLS

Biblical God orders His followers to destroy the aliens altars, break their images, cut down their groves and bum their carved idols in fire.

> **230. 5. But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.**
>
> *- Deuteronomy, 7/5*

That is why during the tyrannical rule of the Portuguese in Goa, Francis Xavier got established Holy Inquisition of Goa under which Hindu temples were destroyed and idols of Hindu Gods were either broken or burnt in fire. Francis Xavier once declared :

I order everywhere the temples pulled down and all idols broken. I know not how to describe in words the joy I feel before the spectacle of pulling down and destroying the idols.

- Francis Xavier

2. VEDIC GOD BESTOWS BLISS

Vedic God bestows bliss and benediction, love and light on all men of the earth irrespective of their colour and creed. 1Jnlike Biblical God who curses and condemns, breaks and bums, Vedic God blesses all beings with love. He admonishes all to love one another and live in love with all

सहृदयं सांमनस्यविद्वेषं कृणोमि वः ।
अन्यो अन्यमभि हर्यत वत्सं जातमिवाघ्न्या ।।१।।
– अथर्ववेद ३/३०/१

I bless you to be free from malice
To live with concord and unanimity.
Love one another as cow loves
Its new-born calf.
- Atharva Veda 3/30/1

Here one important question arises whether God is one or two. All scholars of the world believe in the existence of one God, not two. If it is so, how can we describe Biblical God and Vedic God, whose characteristics, as mentioned above, appear to be quite contrary ? God as described in Bible is not the same as described in Vedas. Similarly God as described in Vedas is not the same as described in Bible, because One God cannot give contrary and contradictory sermons. If God is One, how can He demand sacrifice of animals and human beings in Bible, while precepting non-violence in Vedas ? Both actions are contradictory to each other. If God is One, how can He massacre all first-born babies in Bible, while teaching noble lesson of *Ahimsa Parmo Dharma* (non-violence is the noblest religion) in Vedas ? If God is One, how can He say in Bible, I have come to create rift between father and son, mother and daughter etc., while teaching in Vedas lesson of harmony and unity in family ? Both actions are quite contrary to each other. If God is One, how can He speak of slaughter of infants and ripping of pregnant women of disbelievers in Bible and fraternity and equality of all men in Vedas ? Both things are quite contradictory and contrary to each other. All the readers of this book will unanimously agree that God is one and that He does not give contrary and contradictory precepts. The rest is left to the wisdom and common sense of the readers to arrive at full logical conclusion.

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Only those who are strong enough to protect not only themselves, but also to create fear in the minds of the enemies, can talk of peace, non-aggression and nonviolence.

- Veer Savarkar

Peace and love are possible only between equals. The real enemies of peace are those weak people, who, because of their weakness, incite the strong. If we are weak, we commit the sin of disturbing world peace. The real cause of our degradation is our mental weakness.

- Dr. K.B. Hedgewar

Our aim should be to bring about the militarisation of the nation and modernisation of the army.

The aggressors shall have to be thrown out of the Bharatiya territory.

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhaya

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26
BIBLICAL GOD IS JEALOUS AND VINDICTIVE, VEDIC GOD IS BENEVOLENT FATHER

1. BIBLICAL GOD IS JEALOUS AND VINDICTIVE

(i) Biblical God is jealous

The Biblical God himself states that He is jealous God. Read the following passage :

> **231. 5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for 1 the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.**
>
> *- Exodus, 20/5*

Is it justice that the children of third and fourth generation, who are not yet born, will be punished for no fault of theirs ? Moreover, this is mundane thought of mortals, not Immortal Almighty. It is human attribute that he indulges in revenge against those who hate him. How can God who is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, all-powerful and all-pervasive, be jealous and revengeful against those who hate him ? Is it possible that God, the all-powerful is hated by anyone ? Actually He neither hates any one, nor is hated by.

(ii) Biblical God is vindictive

The Holy Bible states that Biblical God takes revenge and that He is jealous. He reserves wrath against his enemies

> **232. 2. God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.**
>
> *- Nahum, 1/2*

How can God, who is the most gracious, the most merciful, the most compassionate and the most benevolent Father of all, have enemies ? How can He reserve wrath against his enemies ?

2. VEDIC GOD IS BENEVOLENT FATHER

All the scholars of the world unanimously agree that Rig Veda is the oldest scripture in the world. Rev. Morris Phillip concludes with firm conviction :

> *"After the latest researches into history and chronology of books of old Testaments, we may safely call the Rig Veda as the oldest book, not only of the Aryan humanity but of the whole world.*
>
> **- Rev. Morris Phillip**

Rig Veda states that Supreme Being is benevolent Father of all creatures of the cosmos. He looks after all beings whether they are virtuous or sinner. Being sustainer of the whole cosmos, He feeds,

clothes, covers and heals even the greatest sinner. All beings of the universe, irrespective of caste, colour and creed, enjoy the bliss of His unfathomable mercy and power.

अभ्यूर्णोति यन्नग्नं भिषक्ति विश्वं यत्तुरम् ।
प्रेमन्धः ख्यन्निः श्रोणो भूत् ॥
– ऋग्वेद ८/७९/२

He covers all who are naked,
He heals up all who are wounded,
Through His grace blind man sees,
And the cripple walks.
- Rig Veda 8/79/2

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A nation that fails to take pride in its past achievements or to take inspiration therefrom, can never build up the present or plan for the future. A weak nation can never attain greatness.

- Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee

Politics is ultimately subservient to the interests of the nation. If we give up all thoughts of a nation's basic identity, history, culture and traditions, of what use is that politics ?

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

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27
TYRANNICAL VOICE OF BIBLICAL GOD BLISSFUL NATURE OF VEDIC GOD

1. TYRANNICAL VOICE OF BIBLICAL GOD

(i) Is Biblical God, a God of Love ?

Here is the tyrannical voice of Biblical God in the following passage

233. 25. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge, the quarrel of my covenant; and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall he delivered into the hand of the enemy.

- Leviticus, 26/25

The readers should carefully read the above passage and decide themselves whether Biblical God is a God of love and compassion.

Jonathan Swift, the renowned Irish writer, who authored *Gulliver's Travels*, looking back over centuries of church carnage, made his famous comment :

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another[148]

- Jonathan Swift

(ii) Sword without and terror within

Read here the wrathful voice of Biblical God replete with terror and tyranny against those who do not believe in the gospel :

234. □25. The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.□

- Deuteronomy, 32/25

What offence do the suckling infants commit that they will be destroyed ? Is it not sufficient proof that Christian missionaries spread their religion by the dint of □*sword without and terror within*□ the houses of the so called pagans ?

German philosopher **Nietzsche□s** candid opinion is worth-quoting here. He states :

> □*I call Christianity the one Great Curse, the enormous and innermost perversion, the one great instinct of revenge, for which no means are too venomous, too underhand, too underground and too petty. I call it the one immortal blemish of mankind.*□[149]

- Nietzsche

Voltaire, the famous French playwright and satirist, who was considered the universal genius of the □Enlightenment□, told **Frederick, the Great**, unambiguously :

> □*Christianity is the most ridiculous, the most absurd, and bloody religion that has ever infected the world.*□[150]

- Voltaire

(iii) Killing by teeth of beasts and poison of serpents

The God of Holy Bible declares that He will destroy the non-believers by means of the teeth of beasts and poison of serpents :

> *235. □24. They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.*□

- Deuteronomy, 32/24

(iv) Massacre of children due to bias of their fathers

236. □21. Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity (bias) of their fathers;□□□

- Isaiah, 14/21

2. BLISSFUL NATURE OF VEDIC GOD

Vedic God (*i.e.* God described in Vedas) is benevolent, blissful and benign. He pours His benign bliss on all beings of the universe. He is the main source of strength, vigour and vitality. It is He who endows his devotees with physical, moral and spiritual power. All sorts of strength and energy originate from Him. But for His will, not a single leaf of tree can move from its place. Those who are the righteous and enlightened people, blessed with divine vision, acknowledge His visible beneficent rule in the universe and adore Him with fervour and enthusiasm. Those who pray to and seek His benign protection, achieve salvation. He imparts bliss and knowledge to those who invoke and entreat Him. Those who are blessed with divine bliss, adore Him with fervent devotion.

यऽआत्मदा बलदा यस्य विश्वऽउपासते प्रशिषं यस्य देवाः ।

यस्य च्छायामृतं यस्य मृत्युः कस्मै देवाय हविषा विधेम ।
– यजुर्वेद २५/१३

We offer worship with devotion
To the supreme blissful Lord
Who bestows vigour and vitality
On our body, mind and soul,
Whose guidance is solicited
By all the enlightened sages,
Whose providence shadows
Over both, mortals and immortals.
- Yajur Veda 25/13

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"The value of "independence" is zero, if each field of national life is devoid of vibrations of spiritualism and ideals of Hindutva."

- Dr. K.B. Hedgewar

"There is absolutely no escape whatsoever for the Hindus of this Nation from combining and unifying themselves for squarely facing the divisive forces that are hell-bent to destabilise this country."

- Aurobindo Ghosh

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BUTCHERY BY "BIBLICAL MEN OF GOD", BENEVOLENCE BY VEDIC "RISHIS"

1. BUTCHERY BY "BIBLICAL MEN OF GOD"

(i) Massacre by David

(a) David put the people under saws !

David, one of the towering figures of the Bible, assaulted on Ammonian cities, put the people under saws, harrows of iron, axes of iron and made them pass through the brick-kiln.

237. "31. And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln; and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of

Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

- II Samuel, 12/31

Joseph Lewis, president, Free Thinkers of America and editor of The Age of Reason states :

> *Killing and murder are related with so little compunction that a continued reading of the Bible cannot help but make one callous of the value of human life. No wonder the Christian countries at war use the Bible as the basis of their national religion and give each soldier a copy while engaged in battle*[151]

- Joseph Lewis

The butchery by *Biblical men of God* exceedingly incited the fanatic Christians to kill the non-believers. James A. Haught narrates in his book *Holy Horros* the heart-rending massacres of the so called heretics by orthodox Christians as under

> *In the 1200s, a storm of heretic-hunting burst upon Europe. The first victims were the Albigenses, or Cathari, centered around Albi, France. They doubted the Biblical account of Creation, considered Jesus an angel instead of a god, rejected transubstantiation, and demanded strict celibacy.. In 1208, Pope Innocent III declared a major crusade to destroy the Albigenses. Some 20, 000 knights and peasants answered the call, forming an army that scourged southern France, smashing towns where the belief was strong. When the besieged city of Beziers fell, soldiers asked papal legate Arnald Amalric (or Arnaud Amaury) how they could distinguish the infidel from the faithful among the captives. He commanded: Kill them all. God will know His own. Thousands were slaughtered - many first blinded, mutilated, dragged behind horses or used for target practice. The legate reported to the pope.. Gods wrath has raged in wondrous wise against the city.*[152]

- James A. Haught

(b) David butchered 200 men !

238. 27. Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men;

-I Samuel, 18/27

(ii) Massacre by Jehu, the king and prophet

(a) Jehu, the king and prophet, slew all, leaving none as alive

239. 11. So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kins-folks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

- II Kings, 10/11

(iii) Massacre by Joshua

(a) Joshua, the successor of Moses, butchered all that breathed

Not a single soul was allowed to remain alive; all were massacred not at one place but many places. Read the following five verses :

240. 30. And the Lord delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it;

- Joshua, 10/30

241. 32. And the Lord delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

- Joshua, 10/32

242. 36. And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it:

- Joshua, 10/36

243. 37. And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein.

- Joshua, 10/37

244. 40. So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded.

- Joshua, 10/40

(iv) Massacre by Elijah, the prophet

(a) Elijah, the prophet, slew all 450 priests, spared none

Elijah, the prophet, ordered for slaughter of 450 priests just for differing from him in religious beliefs ! Here is the verse

245. 40. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

- I Kings, 18/40

(v) Massacre by Samuel, the prophet

(a) Samuel, the prophet, slew Agag in pieces

246. 33 And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

- I Samuel, 15/33

(vi) Massacre by Moses

(a) Moses slaughtered even innocent children

Moses, one of the towering figures in the Bible, massacred not only men and women, but also innocent children of all cities, because Sihon, the king of Heshbon did not allow him to pass through his land. Here is the text :

247. "34. And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain:"

- Deuteronomy, 2/34

(vii) Massacre by Elisha, the prophet

(a) Elisha, the prophet, butchered 42 little children

The prophet Elisha causes bears to tear 42 little children for laughing at his bald head.

248. "23. And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head."

- II Kings, 2/23

249. "24. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord, And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them."

- II Kings, 2/24

Charles Smith opines candidly

"The Bible is the greatest hoax in all history. The leading characters of the Old Testament would today be in the penitentiary and those of the New would be under observation in psychopathic wards."[153]

- Charles Smith

Dean Farrar, the famous philosopher and theologian, who was the Dean of Canterbury, remarked fearlessly :

"The Bible is a barbarous book, written in a barbarous age, for the barbarous people."[154]

- Dean Farrar

2. BENEVOLENCE BY VEDIC "RISHIS"

The world owes immensely to the four Vedic Rishis for their benevolence in transmitting the divine knowledge of Holy Vedas to all the people of the earth. On the banks of river **Sindhu** (Indus), the divine knowledge of Vedas dawned on four Rishis (hermits) named **Agni, Vayu, Aditya** and **Angira**, who transmitted the same to **Brahma**. Terminologically the word “*Veda*” means knowledge, not an ordinary knowledge, subject to omission or commission. It is infallible, immortal and everlasting knowledge, which is flawless and fathomless.

Prof. Max Muller states in his Introduction of “Science and Religion” as under :

> *"The Vedas are eternal and consequently perfect and infallible.”*
>
> **- Prof. Max Muller**

Holy Vedas propagate love, where there is hatred; preach truth, where there is untruth; create atmosphere of reconciliation, where there is revenge and retaliation; produce optimism, where there is pessimism; infuse enthusiasm, where there is dejection; generate faith, where there is doubt; spread light, where there is darkness; provide joy and jubilee, where there are sorrows and sufferings.

The whole race of mankind in the universe can assert her claim to Vedas. Vedic religion unites all men of the globe in common string of oneness by preaching about one God (0m), one religion (Vedic), one race (Arya), one scripture (Vedas), one method of worship (Sandhya), one language (Sanskrit), one culture (Vedic Culture) and one aim (to ennoble, enlighten, uplift and elevate man). The slogan of Vedic religion is

कृण्वंतो विश्वमार्यम् ।
– ऋग्वेद ९/६३/५

Let us ennoble all men
Of the universe.
- Rig Veda 9/63/5

Vedic religion is constructive rather than destructive. It preaches propagation of noble thoughts :

आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः ।
– यजुर्वेद २५/१४

Let noble thoughts come to us
From all sides.
- Yajur Veda 25/14

Vedic devotees pray to Providence to dispel their vicious impulses and bestow on them noble thoughts

विश्वानि देव सवितर्दुरितानि परा सुव ।
यभ्दद्रं तन्नऽआ सुव ।।
– यजुर्वेद ३०/३

O Supreme Creator of the universe
Mayest Thou dispel our evil impulses,
May all noble thoughts come to us.
- Yajur Veda 30/3

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In any movement, common people minutely observe the personal character of the worker in comparison to his actions. Hence the cloth-sheet of our life should be so clean that no body may find any stain on it, even after minute observation. We should create confidence among the people that our each action is without selfish motive. Our character should be so clean that other,-, may be attracted and enamoured to us.

- Dr. K.B. Hedgewar

When self dominates instinct, disaster is ahead of us; when playing with the destinies of a nation one should endeavour to be as selfless as humanly possible.

- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

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